described. The sea has been very rough, & on the approach of a squall the sails were trebly-reefed – the operation one of singular agility on the part of the sailors – We were favoured with a very comfortable Sabbath yesterday, most propitiously to the relief of my own mind. The meeting on the deck in the morning, was well attended both by Cabin & Steerage passengers, & was I trust much favoured. "If the Master of Assemblies – "This is life eternal, to know thee the only true God & Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." We had a little meeting to ourselves in the evening – & after that a good time of Scripture reading &c: in the steerage. The morning meeting was ~~an~~ felt by me as an ~~other~~ adequate issue of my previous exercises of mind; & I trust I may be encouraged by it, as it regards the future. We may have to go (like Elijah) on the strength of this meat, many days. We were also favoured with a fair wind during the day – so that my prayers before departing, were fully realized: Shall the weather have strong, which seems rather probable, may I be graciously favoured, with perfect steadiness & confidence

in the Lord!

Third day 8th 7/25. The wind unfavourable & the weather rather cold – but the day has not been otherwise than comfortable to me. Eliza & I have enjoyed some very quiet agreeable reading – Romans, Job, Cracott, Cowper. I am truly thankful for such a companion.

Fifth day morng June 27. After a quiet night I woke this morning under the impression that the wind was clean contrary – & after some little conflict of mind, a very sweet calm came over me, in the fear & love of God, in which a willingness was felt, in a degree of that holy courage which with me is surely of the Lord alone, to abide on the tossing waves for a long season. In this state of mind I read & held a precious little week-day meeting with Eliza, during which we were I believe permitted, in an unusual degree, to sit in heavenly places together in Christ Jesus – the language both of ministry & prayer flowed sweetly. This opportunity of worship was no sooner over than I was told by the Captain that we were going 9 knots per hour, in our right course. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord!

I had much satisfaction last evening in lecturing a third time to most of our party, on the evidence for religion derived from science.

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