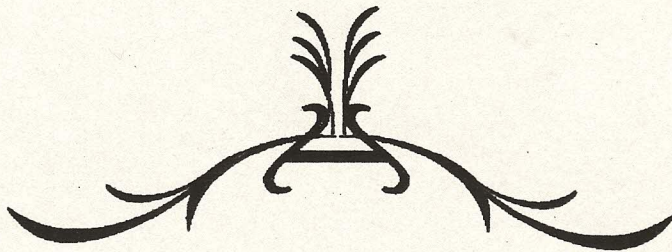


Personal Diary of

DAN FIRTH BOLTON



dated from the 21st of August 1882

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Monday

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SHIP WARONGA of 1500 TONS

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SHIP WAROONGA of 1609 TONE

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Finsbury Park station 3 o'clock and we have to stay there till seven thirty then we took train at nine o'clock and got our boxes

Looked over and what we should want for 14 dayes then we had diner after that we had to see the doctor when we had seen him it was tea time a 1/2 Past 5 after tea we had walk around the dock and the city

At seven there was concert in the home and at ten o'clock we had to be in bead and rise at seven got washed and bekfast and went on bord a packet which took us to our ship down the river twenty four miles we saw the Place ware Princess Allis was lost and we also saw a grate meny boots both ware ships and other

We saw the ship Doronday which Mrs Keaton went out on she had the smallpox on bord the very next time. She went out and when she came home she as not been out since she is dated to sail on the 27 of next month

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We at four o'clock we got to our ship Waroonga our dinner at 4
roast mutton and Potatoes that was the best meal that we have
had since we left home and at 6 we set sail and at 8 we had tea
and bread butter after that went on deck to take our last look
at old England at dark we saw many ships and light houses
and light ships

At ten we went to bed and enjoyed our rest till about six in
the morning then we was out of sight of land we had our
breakfast at 8 coffee and bread and butter just as we were getting
our Breakfast we was near to the ile of Whight after we ad
sailed a while we passed a cow floating about in the water we
passed many ships home wards bound and out ward bound

By night we sighted the coast of France some after we entered
the bay of Biscay which to nights and one day during that time
we were all sick more or less after we ad got into the bay of
Trafalga things began to mend up a bit we could spend the
day on deck and see the coast of Portugal we saw a few
Porpoises heard there we sailed on in time till Sunday
then we again sighted Spain and by none we were in the bay
that lays between Spain and Africa which leads to the
straits of Gibraltar just as we were entering we was on the
forecassell-head looking out we saw a very large number of
porpoises which cept just be fore our ship so near that there
tailes tuched the Bow of our ship

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They cept up with us for 4 or 5 miles then some one threw a empty bottle at them and then they disaperd we saild on for 6 hours with land on both sides of the bay which semed to be wild cockry and mountaines place some parts of land been under cultivation but the semed to be in a very ruf place this was on the Spanish side of the water wile on Aferican side there ware some very high mountains

So high that we could not see the top for the clouds they went right up into the clouds inabulance of these lands are the moroca tribe we could see the little wight huts on the hill sides but we could not give no information as to the construction of there houses we saild on through the strates of Gibaralta we did not get so near to them as to tell what they were like only through glases

On one side of the rock it was perpendicular wile on the other side it was on a mroe gradual sloup a friend of outs that is going but was working on the rock setting a 110 ton gun when he put in is claim to come out on the Waroonga to Brisbane he teles us that there are 1887 guns on the rock i think juring from the poschon of the rocks that it would be imposible for any ship to pass if any sighting ad to take place we had to hoist our colers along time be fore we got to them if we had not done this they would have send a gun boat out to us to search our ship and if we had refused there admishen they would have put a hole through our ship side we ware before the sock six at night

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after we had passed the rock we could see land for a long time i have often heard people talk about sun the sun set i never saw such a sight in all my life every colour that ever you could think which kept changing as the sun went down after that had a salvation meeting on the forecassel head that if the fore part of the ship which is higher than the other parts of the ships deck the moone was shining with all its glory and the stars were shining like diamonds in the sky we could see fore miles on the water while we sang many of the old hymns that we use to sing at home salvation hymns mostly so that all could join in the courass

At ten o'clock we turned in for bed after spending a very good evening of enjoyment

Monday we sailed all most all day and scarcely saw any thing except a signal rock pillar and then we had butter and bread or treacle or marmalade and biscuit for our dinner we had Potatoes boiled with the jackets on so you see that we had all the filling to do our selves we had also pea soup and hind beef tea at half past five tea butter and bread biscuit treacle marmalade cheese in the evening all the English men assembled on the fore cassel again to have a evening enjoyment again so after we had elected a cockney for the chairman as he was the first man to sing a song

Of course we all joined in the courass

After that there were a Yorkey that came on the same train

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as we did he comes from Aifax and other two from Bradford but at any rate they were at a stand still wanting some one to sing so he got up and sung them the celebrated song intitled Green leaves during the first verse they all listend verry a tentavly the cok-ny was just suted with it as it wass all Green leaves there was an irshman standing by when he ad heard as long as he thought fit he went down below and started talking to one of our lot he told him that he would be darnd if he ever heard such a sond in all his life for he said it was nothing but Greenleaves at any rate we carred on till ten o'clock then we turnd in for bed

Tuesday morning we was up by six got washed and filled our tanks with fresh water for the day then we had our breakfast at eight coffey butter and bread and a barrel of sea briskets to go to any time when we wanted after breakfast was over all the wemen and children had to go on deck and the men had to seare the flore with sand and a holy stone that is a stone about the size of a brick but it is white you can bet your clogs it gave us a puting up but us that was not so fat could laugh at the others but it made us swet verry hard after this ad been done it was neare hand diner time then we hade sone after to start praperin for diner we had hind meat and potatos boild with there jackets on after diner all the wemen and children went on deck as in the fore-none and we had to wash up the diner pots wile they ware sat at there ease

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After we had washed up we could take a stroll round the deck or sit and talk all the rest till tea time then we had to take the tea down into the bow room after tea we had to wash up as usual and then wash our sevels and get ready for the evening that is the only time that we can enjoy our selves in sing songs and tilling tales but the forgoing is a good part our every day work so you can tell that we are cept in good form for working at six we went on the forecassel to pass the time on and see the sun it is a grand sight

Thursday morning

5 am when we was at Malta we had to wash and get water then get Breakfast after Breakfast all the wemen and children ad to go on deck and we had scour the flor with sand and holy stone after we had about an hour to spar then we ware in sight of Cyprus which looked like the coast of the ile of white the sun shone bright it was 94 deg. in the shade when the sun sets it is a grand sight we have had the moon shining since we passed the strates of Giberalta

Friday we saild all day and only sighted one vessel and that was at five in the morning we saw a few poupus fish duering the day but no land we have had to pull up our speed for if we had gone on at the speed we was going at we should reach port said by Saturday night and then we should have to pay harbor duty for sunday and monday for we are going to get coal for our engins there and they do not work on sunday

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Saturday we sailed all day and we saw only two vessels one at seven and the other at 6 the sea was calm the mone had been at full 2 days and it was a grand sight we could see

Sunday morning six in the morning we rose got washed fill'd our cans of water for the day at alf past ten went to church came to dier after diner the Friends meting came on we have not seen one single ship this day although we are so ner to port this after none i have spend my time writing to you we expect to be in port eather tonight or early in the morning

Monday morning 4 o'clock we got up on deck the pilot ad got on bord and we was in sight of a light house which was just on the Breakwater which extends for a long way out into the sea

We had to sail betwen two breakwaters one on our starbord and the other on our port side of our ship

The port side is the left hand side of our ship when we got to land we stoped to coal fair in front of the P and O Company Offices ware we toke on 4 boats of coal for our Engins it was about 6 o'clock when they started to get in the coal and it was quarter to 12 when we started of again into the canal the houses in front ware all white

Some as high as 5 stores the por fellows that got on bord the coal was like slaves there is no mistake about that they had to

take it into the ship in a small bag bag and run up a plank throw it into the bunker and run back for another they was as black as though they had been in a pit all there lives and never been washed

At the entrance of the canal there was one of the large dredges at work but we had not chance to take any note of it as we passed it we sailed on up the canal which is about as wide as from your house to the bottom of the lane one ship as to put into the side to let the other pass there is stations on the Banks and they stop all ships at dusk for the night we stoped on side one of the stations and they have the boxes empty they come and lay down till they fill them and then they get up and take it to ware it is wanted we have pased many droves of camels working on the Banks when it got to about ware there ware houses built of the brier that grow hear and there on the desert and some of them was built in a workman like maner but upon the aal they looked very well you will say so if ever you come past

There is a range of hills beind this ware our troops ware fighting in the Sudan war behind this hills the Battle of Telhellkeber was fought it was about alf past 12 when we ware shotting some kind of bird by the moone light ands fishing is very good in the canal if any of you comes out heat you must bring with you some ropecord for they bite hand into they must have sharp teeh the natives run along the banks to pick up the

spuds and biskets that the chaps threw for them

Tuesday morning at 5 we started again on our way when we had gone about a mile we had to put in the side to let one ship pass the banks of the canal are all sand and it is sandy planes for as far as every one can see there is very little trees and no grass grows there at about 10 we passed about 100 camels and men at work on the Banks of the canal when entered the Bitter Lakes we were sailin in them till 2 when we entered the canal again then we were in till half past 4 and at 5 we started from Suez town to cross the Red Sea at half past five at night it was just dark by 7 when we went onto the forecasselhead we could see to or three sharks daring before our ship and the water that our ship turned up shone like diamonds as they turned away from the ships side at ten we all turned in at 12 they came across one of the same companys steamers that was homeward bound they signled by means of lights and rockets which lasted some time the ship Oriza

Wednesday we sailed all day with out seeing one single ship

Thursday one ship at ten homeward bound

Friday very hot no land to be seen hear there is some small fish but what kind i can not tell

Saturday not one sail came across our sight

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Sunday morning we rose at six all went on as usual till about ten when we sighted a large rock called the Garbaltera we are told that there use to be some silver mines on the rock it must be all solid as we saild with -in ten yards of the edge of the rock ware the water was breaking over the rock

We saild on till afternoone when we past a large number of rocks caled the twelve apostels it was near hand dark when we had past this and about ten o'clock we enterd the gates of hell it was very dark as no moone ware shineing

Monday morning we ware up in good time byfore the others we ware up by fore as we expectd to be in port aden which was a very bare place in the shape of folage the hills is very high reachin up into the clouds we stopd there till Tuesday getting coal and spuds meat and other provisons for the voige

Tuesday morn at alf past ten we saild and till two in the afternoon we was very near to the Baterays which belongs to Englad and i think that the Giberalta is not to be mensond on the same day as then at four we lost sight of land

Wednesday we saild all day not one single sail in sight plenty of flying fish

Thursday we had a funeral this afternoone a child 9 months

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old died at half past five in the morning and was buried at half past two in the afternoon

Friday nice breeze sea calm all went on well a grand sun set this evening

Saturday no ship nor nothing but sea and sky

Sunday we got church in the morning and then we have done for the day though no person is compelled to go

Monday a cloudy sky but no rain

Tuesday we had a little rain though we have had grand sailing all through the worst was in the bay of Biscay we expect to land in the morning

Wednesday morning at half past five we at Port Colombo which is the nicest place that we have seen since we left England on the Banks of the sea is large trees and the houses are white with red tile plate at this port there a very long break water it will be near to mile long and at the end there is a light house when the water comes and rushes against the wall it flies up into the air 100 ft the boats of the natives are not like ours they are very narrow and they have a solid piece of wood about then there is two pieces of wood is fastened to one end of the boat and the other end to the piece of wood that sails about 10 ft

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of the side of the boat and that keeps the boat the right side up it is something wonder full to see how they sail about without bein capsized we ware in this port about 4 hours gettin ice on bord hear we send a letter home when we had saild about two hours we came in full view of riba passha house this man was transported from egypt duering the time that England take esvelarang it is a very large house all the wallers are after the stile of that country that is wite and it is presently suiteuated on the sea shore we sailed on down and we could see all the coast all day and at five o'clock we came in frount of clyon you must tell little tims that when you go for your tea that we have see the place ware he gets hy tea from and it is a very nice place there was a grand sunset at this place

Thursday all went on well one ship name unknown fine weather

Friday all day not one thing to be seen

Saturday nothing extra to speak of

Sunday we expect to cross the Line today if all is well

Monday rather warm duering the day and a shower toards night which timd down but the sea was quite calm

Tuesday a fair wind making 15 knots