

April 18. Good Friday & Saturday Good Friday, I had meant to be in Auckland for Holy Week, but I had stayed holiday at the coast. Then I meant to go to Rototuna, but I had not got as far as I had expected with 4 days delay in Wellington had ruined that. I got up in good time that morning but bathed little because part of the day was to be spent in washing clothes. I had work at day break so I had to sleep till 10 o'clock, it is soaped to make it work. It was very nearly time for prisoners walking on the road washing their clothes in a pool. I took off my coat & shirt. Waimangu has apparently been ruined from mud soap! I have washed myself the Waimangu pool with this brilliant yellow (chromic) yellow (Sulphur) red (oxide) colour. I have the clothes that is being prepared & saw the Champagne pool & the Bridal Veil Falls to Rototuna 15 miles & got there at 11:30. Spent the afternoon there (the 2 hours taken from the Church service). When I had been back to Waikato, I had been to Cochrane's Camp & home near the stream between Rototuna & Rototile. I was informed that a boy had been thrown in at the last moment. Very comfortable. Watched Cochrane fishing.

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April 20 Easter Day. Up 6:30. Brought. Went to Rototuna for breakfast & went to tobacco back for lunch. Spent an hour & half work. After the work at fishing no luck. A dull day & not much done except early.

April 21 Easter Day. Went to Rototuna for breakfast there, and to clean out the Maori village with hot water running everywhere. Then to Rockwell. It rained most of the time & I remained for lunch. The church was full at both services. It rained steadily all day. The open space between the bus & the house was standing in water. It was church-like & wet-coat time. I wrote letters & did a few odd jobs.

April 22 Easter Monday. Got up 7:00 & went out fishing no luck. tried again 12:1, tried a boat on the lake, nothing. Fished after tea but had mixed success with the 11 ft. rod. Prepared it for splicing using a file & sanding the end. A great many people out, but not many

and some rain. Cochrane told me that he was home on the South Spit or Shaitika a wet night.

April 23 Easter Tuesday. Up 6:00-15 & out about 6:45. Caught 3 fish P-52 & 3 the last stayed really well. After breakfast turned again & got 2. 5:15pm. It stopped raining with rain and a clearing a very old man-made fishing net. I got pretty wet. I cleaned. I broke the top joint of my 8 ft. rod which I had used all day. In the afternoon spliced the other rod & examined it. Was all for 3/4 hour before tea (6 o'clock). Still very wet.

April 24. It cleared raining later night. I made a better electric fish trap failed & it was 7 o'clock when I got to the water. Cleaned & over I broke the top of my rod & had to return & break my big rod. However no one caught a fish. After breakfast it was a long calm. Helped McLeay to fix the handle of his rod. Wet out with him trolleying laundry out of fish. After lunch down to Rockwell. Nothing but biting shrimp, the crust is very thin & we can feel the clean throbbing beneath one. Stones at all balanced are easily moving saw the hot water waterfall. Got back to tea spliced another & began my breaking.

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April 25. Easter Wednesday. Called at 5:30 & out after a cup of tea. Too dark to see & waves coming in on the lake made it impossible for me to get out in stockless weather. However after the tide came I hooked a fish but he broke my gut & took the fly. However I caught another back ledge creases. I cleaned & laid him & flat him & he was running again facing hard. I had nothing else & made 1/2 whale & wood all round it. It came on to rain & stop & fish with the 5' beam were almost impossible. Clark Nellie took us round the lake with racing. At 8:30 I fell into one of the broken pools close to shore & 20. Not only was I cut loose of my creel, but the pin off the pin hook was seen on the walls of the rock. I saw the (sham) Maori Pa. Nellie presented me with some pin hooks. As I was racing 3 of all the 5 ships in Rototuna were shot, but I got a cup of tea kept off. The rain ceased

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