

Landed March 31. 1859

4 When four years old. The others, William, Ann Elizabeth, and George, came to New Zealand with their parents in 1860. 1859  
As to father's occupation whilst in England, I think that he was mostly connected with horses, & was doing carrying work. I have heard him speak of one of his employers as a John Jennings of Lorton, whose business was that of a Brewer. Whether before or after I do not know, but he used to deliver coal from the pits at Workington. It was this period that I could have wished to know more about, for it was a period when there were few railways of any in those parts, and also it was that period when distress & hunger were rampant, when wheat was a pound a bushel & there was a high tariff ~~on~~ rather no importation allowed under the Corn Laws, when rioting and bloodshed were common experiences, & which only ceased when the Corn Laws Act was repealed, and Free Trade became the policy of Great Britain. I had a letter

5 some little time ago, from a cousin, with which she said that she could remember her father Joseph (my uncle Joseph) saying that, he remembered father deciding to come out to New Zealand in order at any rate that his children might have a better chance than ever he had. I can remember father saying that after coming to New Zealand, he might have had better openings, & could have had them had he gone away from the centres - but he was ever desirous that his children should have the benefit of an education which had been denied to him when he was young.

In these days when we have the motor car and the aeroplane, so that distance can now be accomplished, in what might seem "like a flash of lightning," in comparison to those days of three quarters of a century ago. What must it have meant, to break off the old ties and to even think of such a thing as to propose to take a long journey into the unknown a distance of sixteen thousand miles