

ourselves sufficiently. Mr and Mrs Offord kept the hotel, and although the landlady was away, yet our wants were well attended to by the servant. Here we again met the Bishop, who had come up the day before to consecrate the church and attend the tea and entertainment to have been held the same evening. But it had rained here as well as at Hill Top, and all arrangements were postponed till today. The consecration service was over, but we determined not to lose the remaining festivity. The Bishop bade us goodbye, telling us that the offertory that morning had amounted to eighteen pounds. He was obliged to return to Christchurch that afternoon, owing to previous engagements, and could not stay for the meeting. ^{We} were very sorry, as we should have liked to hear his address. During the afternoon Walter Bridge and Regie Coles arrived, to our great delight bringing a letter from George, posted at Aden, and written in the highest spirits, describing

entertainingly the various events of the voyage. At six o'clock we all went to the schoolroom where the tea meeting was to be held, and sat down to a most liberal repast. The small room was crowded to excess at the after meeting when music, and two or three addresses constituted the entertainment, but as we were very tired, we did not stay long. We were glad to meet again the Westropps, who had been so kind when Miss Hastings and I were here a few months ago. Next day, Mr Westropp took us out on the river (Wai-were), which we enjoyed greatly. In the evening, he and his wife came to bid us goodbye. We left the next morning in a trap, driving as far as Wascov's Hotel at Lake Forsyth. Little River or Wai-were, as the natives called it, possesses in a great degree many of the attractions of beautiful scenery. From our sitting room window, we had a lovely view of the hills, four distinct ridges of which run down into the valley, each thickly covered with bush to the