

Thurs. Dec 6 Got car from Newman & paid bill, bought several things & started down after lunch. Called at Leamond & Main Mass (D. Clopton's car in car). The last in the road has been ground out. I got to Ross about 4.30 & found some trees in the same place but about 20m.

Fri. Dec 7. As usual was very little aged & the same old Hermann. A delightful picnic as usual. Called on Mrs G. & remained in evening then down & work series of the Waitaki, a large settlement now. 29 m.

Sat. Dec 8 Walked to W of car, cutting both way through several pipes, the first a deep forest, filling the air with pine fragrance for the hood on the rocky led. Saw Mr. May (Renee's brother-in-law) had sheep & horses & others, finished a lunch with Hermann & left to be done at 1.15. P.C. Side of W of car & had a good long drive.

Sun. Dec 9. The church at Ross is now a temple near the school. I took the 10 o'clock celebration & then I was at 1.15. Reached for a 7.30 celebration. Quite good congregation. Hermann came with me. One of the young Wilsons from Ross is the guest-student. I left after dinner. Drove with Helen & Joan & Ferguson. Series at 7.30.

Mon. Dec 10. A rainy night, but during local Hoka had 2 inches & reached home. I worked in the car fixing the seats for the cover of the back & had a job under the rear seat & replaced. Mick Collett came in the evening.

Tue. Dec 11. The rain began about 7 am & continued till midday almost without falling. I did odd jobs in the car & helped with plants on the beach & after lunch called on Mrs. Peck & Mrs. Thiel. Walked with G. & remained in the evening.

Wed. Dec 12. Packed & filled up things, after lunch called on Sam Mitchell at S. house & Mrs. John & the Ferguson, George was out, then down to the Waitaki fishing. No luck, back at 8.15. 29 m.

Thurs. Dec 13. Got off at 9, found the bank round the Waitaki bridge much broken up & very fine. Very difficult to get up the road with all the mud & horses. Saw Harold Heede, Anson, the Deans leaving Rite & paid. - Phyllis Shearer. Della Ferguson (Mrs Johnson) Harry Osmer. Then to the 6 store - Mrs. Phyllis Anderson at the ferry. He was at a bus of Cooks River in 1906 & was aged for us. Saw Harold's farm & Billie. Called at the forks & got to the site about 5.15. Found Alice & Ben. 22 m.

Fri. Dec 14. Walked up to the train & on to W. Bledford my foot. Took a car which I thought had been opened & had nothing but old & used. I was just & getting the car & a shower.

Sat. Dec 15. up to Mt. Spring & very taking lunch with me. Went for tea. Drove down to the hills.

Sun. Dec 16. H.P. 7.30 Arranged baggage, lunch in, & left. The electric light failed. Evening 8.15 in severe darkness.

Mon. Dec 17. Walked up to the glacier with ^{Capt. Harder} ~~captain~~ - kept on in rain of evening he returned for lunch & his wife was not well. I had lunch at the glacier, it came on to rain & slightly. I got back for tea. Some one had used a bath that was disconnected, water & in the dark did not notice it. A perfect calamity of water came down in the lounge while we were having coffee. However the walls were dried off with blotting paper & then floor mopped up. I was not damaged was done.

Tues. Dec 18. Walked up to Pelin Pool & crossed the river of the Suspension bridge & up Heede's track - a very fine piece of work, he was beginning it when Alice & I came down in 1907. The track is very beautiful. I had lunch at a small creek ^{before} the river and crossed the Suspension bridge but as it came on to rain I returned & went down the river the works side of the bridge & got on to the ice. At first I had to get up the glacier & then got a good run down & got off at the creek & got back at 4.15.

Wed. Dec 19. Waddy car to O.K. Auto, the road for the trucks is very bad at present but they are widening & improving the road. I saw the people at the station.