

beautiful Sermons, on the 5 foolish Virgins "our Lamps are gone out". Read the afternoon Service to the Emigrants after their dinner & one of Mr Sumner's excellent plain Sermons on the 1st principles of the Xtn. faith, found them very attentive and orderly.' The following Sunday he read a sermon in the cuddy (beautiful Bradley again): "Lord teach us to pray", and to the emigrants (plain Sumner again): "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."

In the meantime things were far from simple for him. By the time Greenwood takes up his pen Hilliard has had to cope with the following situations: shortage of water, putrid water, bad meat, dirty preparation and serving of meals, bickering and fighting, ophthalmia, fever, croup, childbirths, childdeaths, accidents, drunkenness, children in a state of atrophy from vomiting and purging, rotten rigging, no oil for the lamps, potatoes finished, Captain refusing to let mail off the ship for fear of bad reports reaching London, typhus, pilfering, salt beef very coarse and bad. One has considerable sympathy for him when, on Christmas Day, as the visiting officers of a passing ship left the *Lady Nugent* he found 'the tout ensemble was really affecting & sent my Heart into my mouth & me to my Cabin to think of all dear to me in old England & to sit & to sit & blubber like a great Baby as Fancy painted all their dear faces & how they were spending this day the first Xmas day I have ever passed among strangers.' Nor is it surprising that his entry for the last day of the year is one of earnest piety and determination to prepare himself for death if it should come and for obedience to God if it should not.

The following day, 1 January 1841, Joseph Greenwood begins his blunt commentary. He is aware of Hilliard throughout, though unaware of his real problems; whereas Hilliard never mentions Greenwood but is always uneasily conscious of 'the emigrants' whom he describes at the end of the voyage as 'generally a reckless idle immoral unprincipled set'. Consequently it is Hilliard we can spy on, through Greenwood. On 5 January, for instance, there was an unpleasant incident, and the discrepancies between the two accounts are interesting. Hilliard: 'Mr Wathan went down to Mr Pool's cabin which is on the Gun deck & on returning up the companion ladder, Mr Pool, who was with him was joking with Mr Carrington the 3rd Mate when Mr Large came out of his Cabin (I hear much excited with drink) & told them they were disturbing him & ordered Mr Pool to his Cabin who replied that Mr Large was a mutinous discharged officer & had no business with him, nor to speak to him and that he should not attend to him, some violent altercation ensued & Large struck Mr Pool in a most cowardly manner & while Wathan was endeavoring to part them Thorby (an emigrant who waits on the Midshipmen) came out of the Cabin & struck Mr Pool two or three very violent blows. I sent for him this morning (Tuesday) & after pointing out to him the impropriety of raising his Hand & assailing of