

We had had great difficulty in preventing his countrymen throwing him overboard alive two or three days previous to his death.⁵⁸

Henry recorded on 4 January 1850 that Thomas Arnold had left Sydney in the *Shamrock* steamer for Hobart Town where he had got some Government appointment. In January 1851 he wrote: 'Saw Arnold & his bride who I do not admire at all.'⁵⁹

The diary ends with him spending Christmas with his uncle Charles Swainson, rector of Crick Church, Northamptonshire. An engraving of the church is enclosed with the diary, with two drawings of Henry's, one showing *Havannah* at anchor at Darling Point, Port Jackson. The other sketch signed by W. & H. S. is of the Hutt River.

Henry was in the Baltic squadron afterwards, served in the Crimea, and chased pirates in China Seas. 'We have been destroying no end of Pirates since I last wrote and we ought to get a good grant. It is a pity they dont pay you in the good old way of £5 a head. Dreadful butchery goes on in these expeditions, but it is the only way of ridding the coasts of the blackguards.'⁶⁰ Later he was Naval Instructor at the Chinese Naval College, at Foo Chow. He ended his naval career as Superintendent of Chronometers, Portsmouth.⁶¹

In spite of his keen interest in the Sydney and Hobart girls and an attachment to a certain Bessy, Henry did not marry until he was thirty-nine, and then it was to a distant cousin, Lilius Dunlop Findlay. Henry's brother William John, who had not seen him since the *Havannah* days, welcomed the news of the marriage, but wrote to Edwin: 'Lilius sent me a photo of herself — but it was taken *eight* years ago. I can not say much for her good looks — Henry does not seem to think much of them himself — for he wrote to me & said "her face is too Scotch to be pretty" — I think Lilius is quite right when she tells me Henry is so "matter-of-fact"!'⁶² One of the New Zealand relatives, visiting England in 1881, wrote: 'I was much in Portsmouth with Uncle Henry and Aunt Lilius, both most hospitable to me. My aunt and I became great friends ... [she] was an accomplished musician and took me as her ADC to concerts ...'⁶³

Henry and Lilius Swainson had no children. After a few years spent in China they lived at Portsmouth until Henry's death on 20 July 1892.

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NOTES

- 1 Turnbull has three letters 1846-52, Swainson to W. D. B. Mantell. (Ms Papers 83, no 385); also H. Swainson to C.M.S., London, 21 March 1840 (Ms Papers 179/7). Linnean Society of London *Proceedings* 1899-1900 lists 236 correspondents of Swainson whose letters are held by the Society. Fifteen of the 934 items are draft letters from Swainson.
- 2 *Ibid.* The list is prefaced by a critical biographical note. Liverpool Public Museums are preparing a biography for publication.
- 3 Turnbull has a typescript copy of the *Autobiography*, in Marshall, J. W. *Extracts from the memoirs of ...* (from *Memoirs* in possession of H. K. C. Marshall).