

Mexicans, resulting in a few killed on both sides. The object of our calling at this place being obtained in a supply of water and coal, we continued our journey, buoyant with the hope of a speedy and safe passage to our desired haven. But we know not what a day or an hour may bring forth either on sea or on land. About twenty hours after leaving the port of Acapulco, one of the paddle-wheels broke off from the shaft, the result of the fire which before had given us such alarm. It was with some trouble secured by strong ropes to the beam on the top of the paddle-box, after which an attempt was made to carry us along by the other and remaining wheel. Ours was now a very unpleasant position, as 1600 miles intervened between us and San Francisco to be accomplished by means of one wheel, and that reported to be not free from damage. In a short time, it became evident from the severe strain on one side of the vessel, that we could not or should not venture such a distance in such a disabled condition. It was then decided to put back to Acapulco (which we had distanced about 200 miles), and there await the arrival of the following steamer.

Much serious apprehension obtained among the passengers, because of the severe strain observable on the remaining wheel, and which was said to be liable every moment to yield to the pressure which overbalanced it. And here I might say, "Would that men were as willing to see and acknowledge the more awful danger to which they are exposed by reason of impenitence and unbelief, in the sea of God's wrath surrounding and threatening them every moment." I cannot express what feelings of gratitude to the Father of Mercies I experienced on once more safely entering port. It was on Sabbath morning, and when, a short time after, the bell called us to the service of Jehovah, the numbers that attended, and the heartiness engaged therein betokened the salutary effects of His dealings, who ordereth all things according to the counsel of His own will. On this day (Sabbath) the officers of the French fleet invited our lady passengers to a ball, to be held in the evening, but this work of profanity was very properly and promptly discouraged by an almost unanimous refusal to comply. Seven days in the harbour of Acapulco is somewhat trial to those who have come from a Northern climate. With a mixture of patience and impatience we awaited here the arrival of the steamer from Panama. The flag station of the Company, on a hill behind the town, and which commanded a view of the sea to an extensive distance was constantly and eagerly watched. On the afternoon of the Sabbath following that on which we entered Acapulco, the flag intimating the approach of the steamer was hoisted, causing such an elevation of feeling as seemed to more than compensate for the long detention. In a little time the steamship "Golden City," with about 700 passengers, was alongside in the beautiful harbour. The steerage passengers of the crippled steamer were transferred to the other and it was otherwise lightened as much as possible in order that it might be more easily towed. On the morning of the 20th June we again left Acapulco, thankful indeed to escape the heat which in that confined harbour is at times almost insupportable. It was so far in our favour that this was the rainy season, when the heat is more modified and clouds more frequent to keep the almost intolerable rays of the sun at bay. What was cool to the natives was warm enough to us. We experienced no further delay on the way to San Francisco, except what was necessarily occasioned by towing, and this port we reached on the 29th June. Some account of the interest or rather excitement awakened by the 'safe' return of the missing vessel you will find in the paper I send you. I may mention that a gunboat was despatched from San Francisco to find out whether we had fallen into the hands of enemies, and will have easy work in repulsing the imagined foe. Here I must wait eight days for the steamer to Victoria, but patiently and hopefully still do I look forward to the completion of my journey. To the Keeper and Guardian, and Guide of his people Israel, would I now and always ascribe the glory and the grace of all that pertains to the preservation,