

assistance of the relations. The clergymen and the medical attendants wore large white linen scarfs, which were presented to them on the occasion, according to the usual custom here.

In the following month, (on the 17th of April,) we embarked in the President packet ship, Captain Champlin, on her first voyage from New York to London, and had a tedious and uncomfortable passage. Contrary winds for above two-thirds of the voyage,—one tremendous storm,—heavy rolling seas,—and cold dense fogs, which lasted for twelve days continuously, would have made our passage almost intolerable, but for the very agreeable society of our fellow-passengers,—especially of some medical gentlemen from New York, and their friends, whose good offices to us when we were sick, and almost fretful from the continuance of bad weather, we shall always remember with grateful feelings. The storm which we encountered on the 24th and 25th April, was more severe than frequently occurs on the course from New York to Britain, and occasioned, I believe, some anxiety or uneasiness to all on board. The ladies, four in number, showed quite as much firmness as the gentlemen.

The wind rose in the forenoon of the 24th, when we immediately shortened sail. Before the evening we were scudding before the gale with very little canvas, reefed fore-sail, and close reefed maintop-sail, at the rate of ten miles an hour. The wind varied much during the day, blowing from the south, south-west, west, and north-west. When it got to the north-west at half-past one, on the morning of the 25th, "it blew