

54° 40' W., and passed through a severe south-east gale among it the same night.

"On the 16th, in lat. 54° 38' N., long 44° 30' W., we sighted Her Majesty's ships 'Alert' and 'Discovery,' and bore away to communicate with them.

"We remained in company until the 19th, when we parted from the 'Discovery' in lat. 55° 39' N., long. 35° 48' W., and on the following day we experienced a hurricane from the south-west, with the barometer at 28.36.

"Complete series of magnetic observations were taken by Lieutenant Pirie, R.N., with both the 'Fox' and Jones' circles in North Greenland, and also in Pandora Harbour, in Smith Sound. The meteorological register was kept by Dr. Horner, and some interesting photographs were taken by Mr. W. Grant.

"In concluding this report, I have the honour of expressing to their Lordships how much I am indebted to Lieutenant C. R. Arbuthnot, R.N., and to Sub-Lieutenant G. Pirie, R.N., for their zealous and active services, and for the assistance they have rendered on all occasions; and I also avail myself of this opportunity of expressing the pleasure I have felt in having the honour of the association of two distinguished foreign officers, Lieutenant Alois Ritter von Becker, Austrian Imperial Navy, and Lieutenant Koolemans Beynen, Dutch Royal Navy, both of whom have shown the greatest zeal in the service on which we were engaged, and by their high attainments reflect infinite credit upon their noble profession. My ship's company also all conducted themselves to my entire satisfaction.

"I have the honour to forward herewith the two records of Captain Nares, from Littleton Island and Cape Isabella, also Captain Hartstene's, U.S.N., record from Sutherland Island, and the relics collected at the 'Polaris' camp, which, perhaps, might be acceptable to the United States Government."