

following work is not a narrative of the expedition, nor is it a journal in the usual acceptation of the term. It is simply a collection of articles on different subjects, extracted from a newspaper, which was edited by one of the officers of the 'Assistance.' These articles were contributed by the commanders, officers and men, of the expedition. Some of the papers are from the pen of the venerable Admiral Sir John Ross, and others, and not the least interesting, are from rough and weather-beaten tars before the mast. This little newspaper was called the "*Aurora Borealis*," and was published on the 15th of every month. It was in manuscript, each number being arranged, and the different articles copied into it, in a legible hand, by the editor himself.

It is not for us, who only assist in bringing the work before the public, to speak of its literary merits, or of the interest which it ought to excite, but we shall be pardoned in calling the attention of the reader to the fact, that the subjoined pages are a faithful record of the thoughts and sentiments of a body of our countrymen, whilst exposed to extraordinary hardships and danger. They will also serve to show that an intellectual revolution has, to a great extent, taken place amongst our seamen, of which the general public appear to have no concep-