

auspices; few have ever left England with so many and such ardent blessings; the great, the good, the generous have blessed us, and a nation has cast forth its wishes for our success and happiness.

We cannot but prosper; each man, buoyed up by the lamp of Faith and Anticipation, assisted by the guiding hand of Providence, will do his best: the star of Hope will light us onwards, and, with energy and resignation on our part, will unfold to us the banner of success. Our hardships may be many; but, with feelings such as now exist, these will be overcome; and in those regions

“Where the North Pole, in moody solitude,
Spreads her huge tracts and frozen wastes around,”

happiness, with a continual smile, will hover over and protect us.

The Journal we have undertaken, has been for the amusement of the officers and ship's company of H.M.S. 'Assistance,' during the dark and dreary hours when

“Mingling day and night
(Sweet interchange which makes our labours light)
Will be unknown,”

and our sacred mission will not demand our ser-