

became subjects of that not very pleasing feeling, sea-sickness.

*Thursday, 15th, 25° N. Lat.* Thermometer 74° in the shade. Upon the whole the winds have been very favorable, and we have made good progress. We have most of the time been suffering from sea sickness. Though not nearly so sick as some of the passengers, we have been unable to read or even to reflect. It is a most debilitating, distressing sickness, which indisposes you for any kind of exertion, mental or physical. To-day, feel quite well, for the first time since we came on board. We are now becoming quite accustomed to the motions of the ship. It may not be amiss to say a few words about our present home.

Our ship measures about 1400 tons, but she is not designed for carrying passengers. Her cabin is very small. She has few state rooms and these are small. But she is said to be a strong, safe vessel. Her cargo consists mostly of lumber and other light stuff, as buckets, tubs, &c. The Captain, (Mr. Bangs) and other officers appear to be kind and obliging. They are very kind and easy with their men. There is no cursing, kicking, knocking about and abusing of the men, which I have seen in other vessels. But I see nothing to indicate that any of the men are under the influence of and guided by religious feelings and principles. There is no real holy respect or fear of God before their eyes. They live for themselves and as if all they are and enjoy were their own. It is sad to see how dead to a sense of gratitude the human heart is, naturally. In the first cabin we have, including ourselves, 17 passengers.—Ten of these are from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. In the second cabin there are 18, seven of them from Nova Scotia.—So we have on board, in all, 19 Nova Scotians. Excepting ourselves, these are all for the gold regions, Australia. The sailors and officers, all are about 20; so we have on board about 50 souls. Thus you will naturally conclude offers to us quite a field of usefulness. But I will say more about this hereafter.

Our little room is 7 feet by 6 feet 7 inches. In this small space we have our bed, washing apparatus, clothing, books, and all other articles we will require on a voyage to continue for some months. Were some of our friends who have rooms furnished with every con-

venience, comfort, and richly glittering with the ornamental, confined to a room of such limited dimensions for some months, they would know how to appreciate their present homes and feel more grateful to Him who has provided such commodious, comfortable earthly mansions for them. In this little closet we spend most of our time. The cabin is so small and has so many occupants that we do little in it with any degree of comfort or satisfaction to ourselves.— But we have reason to be thankful that our room occupies the most comfortable and airy position in the ship. For this we have great reason to be thankful.— The room was not our choice. Hence we must regard it as a gift of Providence. There is not another room in the vessel in which we could spend our time in the various exercises in which we are engaged, with any degree of comfort. May we have grace given us, wisely and faithfully to improve what we have received from the author of every good and perfect gift. The weather warm and pleasant. Winds fair; but becoming light. Have great reason to be thankful that we are making such good progress. O may favoring breezes continue to hasten us on our way to the dark isles of the sea. Time is passing away and nothing worthy of notice occurring. We are now experiencing the monotony of a life at sea. No storms, no birds, no fish to be seen; nothing but the mighty ocean to be seen on every side.

*Tuesday, 27th, 6° 45' N. Lat.; 26° 34' West. Long.* Thermometer 80° in the shade. Cooling northern winds moderate the heat and are quite refreshing. We do not suffer any from the heat yet. We feel it most at night, the temperature being nearly as high at night as in the day. We have for some time been sailing in the north-east trade winds; but we have now got beyond their region, and are nearly becalmed.

*Saturday, 31st, at noon in N. Lat. 0° 36'.* We are now in the south-east trade-winds; but they are very light and sometimes nearly a calm. The weather is very pleasant. We have frequent and heavy showers of rain in these latitudes. The sky will be quite clear and in a few minutes the rain will be coming down in torrents. These showers are cooling and refreshing. We are now in those regions which those who live in cold northern climes dread