

ones to go, as one discontented man will get many followers, as there is little to do sometimes, and then even "growling" is pleasant to some for a change. A great deal, too, hangs on a proper supply of good coals, without which there is sure to be discontentment. With regard to those who accompany whalers as surgeons on their wintering expeditions, I would warn them to consider again and again ere starting, the responsibility that rests upon them. The men in their charge are far too good to be entrusted with them, if they are not sure of their fitness to fulfil the duties they have undertaken. They will have much to put up with, especially if not used to a sea life. Home comforts will be far away, and they may expect danger and difficulty to be their constant attendants. They may not have it in their power, as I had, to say that they had a captain that behaved well to them, and made himself their companion, for many have, within the last few years, come home with long faces and tales longer, about what they had to put up with; but, perhaps, they were to blame. They may depend upon it, that, so long as they do their duty, and keep their place, and act as gentlemen, they will, for the most part, be treated as such; and they must be also prepared to submit, and not expect always to have all their own way. With these remarks, I conclude the account of our voyage. The uninitiated in the doings of Arctic life may have found it somewhat "dry," but he will see I have had little to enlarge upon; and, not being gifted with the pen of a Marryatt, I could not make it so humorous as it might have been. One thing I have done, and that is, I have kept to the truth. Everybody who has written on the subject I have, has not done this, and this has given works of Arctic literature a bad name, and they have been read with doubtful minds; but I am pleased to say my passion for exaggerating is so small that I never saw it, and to give the direct lie is what I would scorn to do. Should I have been the means of bringing any facts to light worthy of the notice of the public, I shall be more than repaid for my trouble, and I shall be glad to give any information I can with regard to the Botanical interest the voyage presented.

THE END.