## DESCRIPTION OF THE HARBOUR OF NANGASAKY. 309

o'clock it was rarely higher than 6°, very often only 4° and 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ °. The barometer generally stood very high; and was for nearly three days between 30 in. 25, and 30 in. 20; the wind at the time being very moderate at N. and the sky free from clouds. The lowest degree was during a strong south-east wind 29 in. 66. It only rained in stormy weather with the wind at south.

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## DECEMBER.

With the exception of the three last days of this month the weather was particularly fine, and it scarcely ever rained, unless on those days when the wind blew hard at south. The wind, except during a few hours when it blew from the south-west, was north-east, and towards the last days of the month the trade-wind set in, becoming more northerly, and even due N. or N. N. W., and so fresh and cold that the quicksilver fell to  $+ 2^{\circ}$ ; and on the morning of the 27th, at eight o'clock, and during a perfect calm, even to  $+ 1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ . The greatest height of the thermometer was on the 7th, when the quicksilver in the shade rose to 16°, the wind blowing pretty fresh at W.S.W. The barometer stood throughout the month uncommonly high, being seldom below 30 in. and frequently 30 in. 20. It was at the lowest on the 29th during a strong south-west wind, when in the course of eighteen hours it fell four lines to 29 in. 77. A thick fog, which continued until about nine o'clock, when it was dispersed by the sun, was, the same as in the preceding month, a sure forerunner There was never any fog with a southerly of a fine day. wind, and the changes in the hygrometer depended entirely upon them.