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any country, that the profession of a journalist in England is that which is making the surest progress towards continued power and distinction, and the events of every day prove the gifted writer of that article to have been correct.

The "Aurora Borealis" was the public organ of the little world on board Captain Austin's squadron in the Arctie Seas, and its pages are a reflection of the harmony and good-fellowship, the order and the Christian union, which prevailed in the Expedition. We fear that the time is far distant before "the peoples" of Europe will feel any of the brotherly spirit which animated "the Austin Happy Family."

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