28th. Saw whales just before breakfast. immediately after breakfast lowered the boats. Mr Hickerson's boat soon got fast to one, when he capsized the boat and precipitated them all in the water. Mr John with the waist boat immediately went to their rescue, but before he reached them, one poor fellow had found a watery grave. He said he could not swim, so Mr Hickerson gave him an oar that he might keep himself up. But he think he must have had the cramp, and let go his hold on the oar.

Poor Antone! He came out as one of the cabin boys and had lived in the cabin for a year - and then at his own request went to live in the forecastle, he was so anxious to go out in a boat after whales; he was a smart active boy of 18 years. and I had become quite attached to him. Only the week before I had proposed to the Samuel that we should take him home with us, and give him the benefit of a little education. That was a sad day for us, Antone, - when thou wast summoned into the mysteries of the unseen world, without a moment's warning.

May God in his infinite Goodness have mercy on thy soul.

In the afternoon saw whales again lowered the boats - and Mr Chappell struck one, which they soon killed - commenced cutting in about half past three, finished at eleven P.M. The sad events of the day had made me almost sick, so I took a cup of tea by myself, and went early to bed.

29th. A high wind, and so rugged that it was not fit to commence boiling. Saw five ships to day.

30th. Commenced boiling this morning. We had one black pig killed yesterday afternoon, have one small one left yet. As it was ~~too~~ getting to be quite cool in the cabin, we had one stove put up, a nice little stove that was purchased at Honolulu.

Minnie says, "Mamma I think I was something like a missionary the other day." Said I, "why?" "When I was helping the steward pick out some dried-apples, I talked to him about God." She has been much engaged lately in reading "The peep of day Line upon line, and Precept upon precept," three books which I purchased of Mr Damon.

She was interested especially in the account of the "Storm at sea" where ~~the~~ rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea "Peace, be still." a few days after she had been reading ~~that~~ passage, we had a gale of wind, and a heavy sea, and when I was putting her to bed, she told me that she got up to the cabin window and said "Peace, be still" to the sea, but it did not obey her, as it did years.

January 1st, 1858. Another new year has opened upon us - the old year which opened upon us so fresh and smiling - departed in sadness - for a cloud was hung around our pathway, even at the very threshhold of the new year one of our number left us, never again to return. May not the sad news come to us from across the sea - that any of our loved home faces have passed to the spirit - and during the past year: as far as we have heard from they have been mercifully preserved - God grant that it may not be otherwise. Saw four ships ~~in sight~~ during the day: In the afternoon a high wind prevailed with rain.

2nd. Nothing in sight, either ships or ~~sails~~ whales. We are going back to where we saw the whales before. if we are not successful in finding them there again, shall look up another cruising ground. We had a goney or albatross killed yesterday, and I am going to try to save the feathers, as they are very soft and nice.

3d. The holy Sabbath. - first Sabbath of the New year. I should much like to attend church to day - to hear the New year's sermon. May it be a profitable and well-spent year - to us all.

In the evening commenced blowing a heavy gale, the barometer had been indicating it for several days.

4th. Still blowing a gale - had the dead-lights shut to the cabin-windows, and I was obliged to take my work on to the bed. in the afternoon the gale abated. It was a famous day among the officers and crew for sewing, I imagine all the old clothes got a good mending on this day.

5th. A ship in sight in the afternoon but no whales.

6th. Saw four whales in the morning before breakfast soon after breakfast the boats went in pursuit of them, they fastened to two but the iron from the second mate's boat came out. So that we were successful in taking but one - which we were very happy to have. They were employed until dark in cutting him in. Saw a ship at a distance. Commenced blowing hard before they finished cutting in the whale -