

are as plainly indicated in their Church-going I will not deny it. Having been myself of late accustomed to attend divine services from what motive I do not say for I fear it was not always a Christian inclination which led me there. I rather regretted that I could not now attend for it being quite impossible. I more than ever wished to hear a good sermon and fine singing. I believe I always listened more attentively to the latter and I am as willing to condemn myself on this score as others. However there is no remedy for what is past and as I always think the bible contains more truth than preaching and knowing it to be the only source of divine consolation at sea I made it on this day my particular study and shall continue thus to do hoping though I may not understand it as others do that I may receive at last the benefit of knowing what it contains.

May 30th.

Fine weather and light breezes from S. with a W by S. Course At 9 A.M. the lookout from masthead raised Blackfish and shortly afterwards the boats were lowered and in full chase of them. Capt. said he was bound to give them a try but I suspect

his real motive was to insultate the green hands - myself among the rest into the art of pulling to facilitate the catching of the larger fish should we be so fortunate as to fall in with them. A good idea I think and in my opinion (which is perhaps wrong from a lack of experience) they pulled well.

After Chasing in many directions for a considerable length of time they being very shy we had the good fortune to strike two of them which were soon killed and taken along side. They were then twisted on deck being only about 14 feet in length - the blubber taken off and the remainder consigned to the waves for the Sharks to prey upon.

These it was supposed would yield about two bels each. This is about an average quantity though there are sometimes known to make 12 or even 18 bels. Like new scenes generally this was quite novel and interesting one and I derived therefrom several ideas in regard to whale fishery although many forms usually approved in capturing and cutting in were not gone through with as I was told being quite unnecessary with such small fish.

To others I have no doubt this was as interesting as it was to me while at the same time it served in some degree