

who but a short time ago left us has caused a gloom to settle upon all. The little thought what a scene was being enacted yesterday when my carelessly and thoughtlessly gazed at the vessels that then lay in sight. Would that such scenes which but too often occur might prove a warning to those who for the sake of a mere pecuniary consideration are willing to make so many lives subservient to their will while at same time many of the inexperienced are totally ignorant of the danger they go to encounter. We let them have 2 of our men and they left us about 6 P.M. I believe they are not long out

Nov 27 Sunday

Have had a clear calm and beautiful Sabbath which has had the great effect to banish our gloomy feelings of yesterday.

Why dwell so mournfully on things so momentary let us rather hope through the moaning billows chant their requiem that their spirits are fled to that haven where no more storms shall beat and no more sorrows await them.

The scenery to day though only varied between a cloudless sky and water with here and there a straggling bird is peaceful to look upon. The bright rays of the sun are mildly shed over the tranquil surface of the atlantic while

our good bark lay apparently motionless her canvas hanging lazily from her yards or occasionally flapping against the masts and rigging to a careless observer the only indication that she was gently undulating on a very light swell. That weather prognosticator the barometer stands high and firm.

On such a day as this when despite our absence from home and friends and our ignorance of the sad and joyful changes among them hope comes with two fold power and chases away all our sad thoughts. Let the people that they shall be preserved for a happy meeting when our time shall expire. Of all our hopes the brightest
Lat 35° 56' Lon 17° 25'

Nov 28

Light easterly winds no other change
Lat 36° 00' Lon 17° 14'



Nov 29

Took a right whale to day Hauling to the L. B. I find there is a vast difference between this and Sept. To me this fish appears like a monster being in fact much the largest I have seen. We saw them first at 8 P.M. and 2 boats sent in chase of them but could not reach them. At 3 P.M. they were in sight again and this time our attempt have been successful a huge fellow is now