

I hope twill and will find no fault if
when our allotted time is up instead of
rescuing for another season we steer direct
for Yankee land. There's where my heart
is turning over there's where the old and young
folks stay. Suppose we shall stop here
in the Coast 2 or 3 mos and it strikes me
a full share of warm and sultry weather and
light winds will be granted to us, which
will make us glad to leave for strong
breezes and more for home Lat. $9^{\circ}12'$
Lon. $6^{\circ}24'$

Dec 26.

The wind hauls a little - about S. S. W.
but weather continues without change.
To night we take in sail - the light mes
Lat. $8^{\circ}58'$ Lon. $7^{\circ}58'$

Dec 27.

No change Lat $9^{\circ}07'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}00'$

Dec 28

Wind S. W. and very light
Plenty of small fish round but no big ones
Lat $9^{\circ}18'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}28'$

Dec 29.

Drizzle Lat $9^{\circ}28'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}28'$

Dec 30 Sunday

Drizzle much of a sameness here rather

warm for reading but made something at it
If we should see whales suspect we should
do much more for me whale it Sunday and
pretend it is very very excusable for us at
sea taking into consideration how poor we are
Whether rich or poor where's the difference
as long as we can keep ourselves comfortable
it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath but
whether that is good that's the question.
Lat $9^{\circ}35'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}27'$

Dec 31

No remarkable changes except that
another year has glided into the past and
added to those that have gone before.

Well do I remember a year ago to night
dark stormy and disagreeable. Many of
the weary months I think dreaded are now
passed still we are as far from home
as ever, and time which we would redeem
but cannot hang yet heavy on our hands.

In things concerning this kind of life I am
wiser than I was even one year ago and
would I could say better but of affairs
among my kindred I have no present
knowledge. And this is the most regretted
of all. I leave a good deal of heart left yet
however which I keep preserved against any
great and unforeseen calamity that my presence
though but little for tracing out day after day of
such unchanging scenes as we are now going through
and which have been but too often repeated to be