

increased; heavy sea on; furled main topgallant sail at 7.

Reefed fore topsail in the middle watch, E. by S. through the night.

Dec. 16th. - Clear, cool weather, but rather rugged. E. by S. Weather more moderate at 8 A.M. Reef out of fore topsail. 9 A.M. shifted topgallant sails. The one forward not having been used so much as the after one, being much the best. 10 A.M. set main topgallant sail. 3 P.M. set fly jib, gaff topsail and mizzen topmast staysail. Lat. 29.46 S, long. 164.21 E. Wet hold. 7 P.M. furled fly jib.

Dec. 17th. - Bazy. Fair wind, course E. by S. All sail out. Lat. 30.46 S, long. 167.18. 3 P.M. calm. 8 P.M. light fair wind, course E. by S.

Dec. 18th. - Fine weather, light wind. Broke out starboard side of fore hold to shift water - an all-day job. Course E. by S. Opened a cask of bread. Lat. 31.38 S, long. 169.09 E.

Dec. 19th. - Fine clear weather. Mending foresail. Lat. 32.28 S, long. 170.39 E. At 5 P.M. two small pieces of blubber were seen, looking quite fresh, and a half hour later a large school of sperm whales were raised three points off our lee bow about three miles off. It was almost calm, and having no time to lose, we lowered immediately and gave chase. We followed them till sundown, without success, then came aboard, shortened sail and set boat's crew watches, commencing our second cruise on New Zealand. The "Three Kings" was distant 120 miles at 3 P.M.

Dec. 20th. - Strong breeze, with symptoms of an approaching gale. Heading W. by N. Set main topgallant sail, jib and spanker. 6 A.M. wind increased; furled main topgallant sail, jib, and spanker. Wind increasing steadily. Wore round on the other tack heading E. S. E. 8 A.M. under a ~~reef~~ reefed main topsail & fore topmast staysail. Blowing a moderate gale. (11 C.D.) 11. - C.E.

Dec. 21st. - The gale abated. Made sail. Heavy sea on. Heading E. by N. Lat. 32.10 S, long. 172.03. Tacked at sunset, heading S.W.

Dec. 22d. - Fine weather. S.W. by W. Sent down the sprinker gaff to mend it. 10 A.M. tacked ship, S.E. by E. Set up lee fore rigging. Repaired the after dunt to the larboard boat. Saw two sail during the day. They were schooners, probably New Zealand coasters. At 4 P.M. a dead whale was raised about a mile to windward. At nearer approach proved it to be a sperm whale. The mate lowered a boat and made fast to him, and at sunset we had him cut in. There were several lance holes in him, but no irons. He was considerably flayed and smelt very bad while we were cutting him in. Set try watches; the watch on deck cutting up blubber and started the rooks. Tied out the body during the night. *M. W. A. J. M. P. C. D. A.*

Dec. 23d. - Strong breeze, fine weather. Cut up the head, baled the case. At 9 o'clock the starb. watch went below. 3 P.M. raised a large ship off our weather beam, steering W. by W. 4 P.M. finished trying out - turned up 22 bl. Cleared ship till supper time.

Dec. 24th. - Cloudy. Strong breeze. Wet hold. 12 A.M. fine weather. Made sail. Course E. by N. Lat. 32.17 S, long. 173.45 E.