

considerably entertained (as well he might be). Mr. White's things were sold by auction yesterday, and realized £31. 5. 10. His watch, some trinkets, Bible, church service, and one or two books were bought in at nominal prices, for his relatives as keepsakes. His fellow passengers had been most unremitting in their attention to him, taking it in turn two by two to watch by his bedside. It appears his death was not in any degree caused by the blow he received, but was a pure case of typhoid fever. The doctor admitted that the atmosphere between decks was sufficient to produce such a malady in any sensitive subject reduced as he was by sea sickness and despondency, but he did not consider it advisable to make known the true nature of his disease at the time, his state of mind was caused by remorse at having left his widowed mother.

This afternoon (13th) we passed the tropic of apricorn, and were consequently out of the tropics. The thermometer has gradually sunk to 70; where it appears inclined to remain for the present, and we are glad of some extra wraps.

21st Resuming my pen after the lapse of a little more ^{than} ^{about} nothing worthy of notice having occurred we have pursued the former tenor of our way in a S. S. direction since the 10th inst. and are now a little less ^{than} 1000 miles from the Cape of Good Hope to which we shall give a wide berth. On Sunday (17th) we had some rain, and ^{the} wind changed to direct aft, consequently the yards were squared, the masts and there was nothing to prevent our rolling, which we did in right good earnest on the Monday on Tuesday the wind veered slightly, and we are now making progress at an average speed of 7 or 8 knots an hour with beautiful weather and scarcely any perceptible motion. The moon just now is at its full, and is remarkably bright and beautiful so much so as to render most of the stars invisible. I could see to read by it last night, it really was a lovely sight. The moon making the sea look like molten silver, and the rigging of the ship standing out clearly and sharply against the sky. I longed to have a look at the vessel from a little distance, to have it as it were presented to me in a living panorama that I might enjoy it to the full. We have unfortunately passed out of the region of tropical smells those we have now I can very tame in comp. a rison.

It has caused much disappointment that we have not seen more of the wonders of the deep, all expected to see at least one shark caught, whereas the majority have not so much as