

tended the Crozier range, 3250 feet in height. * * *
* After leaving Betsy Cove, we successively visited Three Island Bay, Royal Sound, Greenland Harbour, Cascade Reach, Hopeful Bay, Rhodes Harbour. Thus three weeks passed in exploring the various shores and inlets, in order to ascertain the position where the finest weather might be expected at which to establish an observatory for the astronomers who intend (if our report should be favourable) to visit here in December next to observe the transit of Venus. From observations, the results seem to be in favour of establishing a station here, for out of the twenty-five days of our stay sights might have been obtained at least on ten.

Jan. 29th.— We anchored yesterday in Rhodes Harbour, in company with two sealing schooners, the *Betsy Jane* and the *Rossel King*, which had been fortunate in capturing twenty-two fur-seals, which they were willing to sell at 40s. each in the rough state. The manner in which the seal-fishery is carried on in the surrounding seas is both extravagant and destructive, for at the time of the discovery of this island it swarmed with sea-elephants, whales and fur-seals. On this becoming known, it soon became a favourite cruising ground for those engaged in the "trade." This led, in an incredibly short space of time, to the reduction of all these species to a mere remnant; and in a few years their utter extinction is sure to follow, for it can hardly be expected to be