

servation just taken seems to indicate a drift of 3' south.

" 11 P.M. Pressure in the opening astern. The ice is cracking and squeezing against the ship, making it shake.

" Monday, February 19th. Once more it may be said that the night is darkest just before the dawn. Wind began to blow from the south to-day, and has reached a velocity of 13 feet per second. We did some ice-boring this morning, and found that the ice to port is 5 feet  $11\frac{5}{8}$  inches (1.875 metres) thick, with a layer of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches of snow over it. The ice forward was 6 feet  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches (2.08 metres) thick, but a couple of inches of this was snow. This cannot be called much growth for quite a month, when one thinks that the temperature has been down to  $58^{\circ}$  Fahr. below zero.

" Both to-day and yesterday we have seen the mirage of the sun again; to-day it was high above the horizon, and almost seemed to assume a round, disk-like form. Some of the others maintain that they have seen the upper edge of the sun itself; Peter and Bentzen, that they have seen at least half of the disk, and Juell and Hansen declare that the whole of it was above the horizon. I am afraid it is so long since they saw it that they have forgotten what it is like.

" Tuesday, February 20th. Great sun festival to-day without any sun. We felt certain we should see it, but there were clouds on the horizon. However, we were