



dende Berg". And the motto with its accompaniment of delicate flourishes reads: "Through great hardships to great honours. Through trials and tribulations to the joys of heaven." Then follows the main inscription in which name and dates stand out in italics. "Under this stone moulder the bones of Captain Harck Nickelsen of worshipful memory now departed this life. He was born on Oct. 12th, 1706, at the very time his father met his death at sea. In the 12th year of his age he began to seek his bread as a seaman. In the year 1724 he had the mischance to be captured by Turkish pirates and sold to the Bey of Algiers; whom he served three years and who after that time of his bounty allowed him to buy his freedom through the Portuguese. Whereon he tried his fortunes in Holland and Copenhagen. In which latter place he succeeded in sailing to the West Indies and the coast of Guinea as ship's master. Many another inscription tells of piracy and slavery."

Of another type and specially delightful with its various sculptured symbols is the lavishly adorned tombstone of councillor Harck Röhrden. The inscriptions on the oldest tombstones are not in German but in Roman characters, and these too are perfect in composition. The price of these