

rock appeared on the other side ; we had passed safely between them,—the dangerous passage was over. The venerable pilot came down from his place and wiped away the tears which filled his eyes ; the colour came back into his cheeks, which during the time of anxiety had been deadly pale. 'Slava teba Bogn' (thanks be to God), escaped from his lips, and the usual forms of congratulation were begun.

"After giving each of the pilots ten roubles, and distributing five more among the crew, which seemed to please them very much, we proceeded on our voyage."

A HINDOO YOUTH TAKING UP THE CROSS.

A deeply interesting letter has just been received from the *Missionary Institution of the Church of Scotland, Madras*, from which the following is extracted :—

"We are glad to say that there is a young man who has come forward and professed Christianity. He is a Hindoo of high caste. He has given up and put away his idols to serve the living God, and it is our earnest prayer that he may continue steadfast in the faith and remain firm unto the end. His mother and several of his relations have come to visit him since he became a convert. Such a state of distress his mother was in! She tore her hair and bewailed for him, because he was her only son, and now by his embracing Christianity he was as dead to her for ever. She besought him to turn and go with her ; but he would not. It was delightful to hear him giving his reasons for becoming a Christian. After his mother saw that he was steadfast, she turned to the missionary, Mr. Forbes, and said, 'He is no more my son ; he is your son ; and you must be kind to him.' After which she left and has not since returned to see him. He is living on the Mission premises, in the house of one of the catechists."

"What a trial!" the youths of either Scotland will say ; to be compelled to part with one's parents or to part with Jesus." True yet pray and pray that every one attending the various mission schools in heathen India, may, like this convert, be soon brought to be willing to part with all for Christ. Nay, that also side by side with them their fathers and mothers may yet glory in carrying their cross, necessary, if they would gain the crown. For what the blessed Saviour declares in Scotland He proclaims in India—"If any man (that is, any one of the human family, man, woman, or child) will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For