

Thus equipped, they took an affectionate leave of the court where they had been so hospitably entertained, and embarked on the 10th of April, on board the king's ship, *Caritas*, captain Hildebrand. The congregation at Hernhuth had already adopted the custom of annually compiling a collection of Scripture texts for every day in the year, each illustrated or applied by a short verse from some hymn. This text was called the "Daily Word;" it supplied a profitable subject for private meditation, and a theme for the public discourses. It has been frequently observed, that the text appointed for a day, distinguished by some remarkable event, has had a striking coincidence with that event. Thus the Daily Word on the 10th April, when our brethren set sail on a mission which so often appeared to baffle all hope, was, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"We view Him, whom no eye can see,
With faith's keen vision steadfastly."

In this confidence they set sail; nor did they suffer themselves to be confounded by any of the unspeakable difficulties of the following years, till they and we at last beheld the completion of what they hoped for in faith.

They sailed by Shetland, April 22d, passing there out of the North into the West Sea; or long Reach; and, after an expeditious and agreeable voyage, entered Davis's Strait, in the beginning of May. Here they encountered a field of floating ice, while enveloped in a thick fog; but, the next day, a terrible storm arose, which dis-

pursed the ice, and freed them at the same time from their fears. On the 13th, they came in sight of the coast of Greenland, when a violent tempest, of four days continuance, preceeded by a total eclipse of the sun, drove them back more than 60 leagues. May 20th, cast anchor in Ball's River, after a voyage of six weeks; and joyfully welcomed the snowy cliffs and savage inhabitants of a country, which had so long been the chief object of their wishes. The Word of the Day was, "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." By this they were frequently encouraged to a peaceful and believing perseverance, during the first ensuing years, amidst all the oppositions which they met with, and the slender prospect of the conversion of the heathen.

The sight of the first Greenlanders, though they could not speak a word to them, was accompanied with sensations of lively pleasure: their pitiable condition pierced them to the heart, and they prayed the Lord, "the light to enlighten the Gentiles," that he would grant them grace, wisdom, and power, to bring some of them at least out of darkness into his marvellous light.

(To be continued.)

VALADICTORY ADDRESS.

[An outline of the Valadictory Address of the Bishop of Bristol to the Bishop of Calcutta, and of his Lordship's Reply.]