

*Schoonberg*, homeward bound with a valuable cargo, was run ashore near Cape Agulhas in broad daylight and in fine weather, through the culpable negligence of her officers. The ship broke up, but all on board got safely to shore.

The next wreck that occurred on the coast was on the 7th of November 1723, when a little vessel named the *Meteren*, which was on her passage out to be employed as a packet between the Cape and Delagoa Bay, was lost on the coast a little to the north of the mouth of the Elephant river. She had left Texel with a crew of twenty-nine souls. Scurvy made its appearance, and six died on the passage; while of the others, only ten were at length able to work. In a calm her anchor was dropped close to the coast, but a swell set in, when she dragged, and was cast ashore a complete wreck. Five men were drowned. The remaining eighteen got to land, where nine of them, who could walk, wandered about for twenty-five days before they were found. The others were believed to have died of want.

In the church, matters had assumed a very satisfactory aspect. The reverend Mr. D'Ailly remained as first or chief minister of the Cape. In 1714 a high school was established in Capetown, when the reverend Lambertus Slicher, of Middelburg, who had been six years chaplain of the garrison at Lillo, but had then of his own accord resigned and engaged as a midshipman in the ship *'t Vaderland Getrouw*, upon the arrival of that vessel in Table Bay was found anxious to abandon his new calling, and was appointed rector by the council of policy. In this school instruction was given in the Latin and Dutch languages, and pupils from any part of the colony were taken into the rector's house as boarders. But it received such scanty support from the burghers that after being bolstered up by the government for some years it seemed a waste of energy for an educated man to devote his whole mind to it. Mr. Slicher then, at the request of the council of policy and with the consent of the directors,