

proaching; and a most distressing one it was. Frequently were we struck with violence by the ice, that the cry echoed through the ship "we are sinking!—Lord have mercy upon us!" Happily we were spared to see the light of morning. It was the Sabbath of the Lord—a fine lovely morning—admirably calculated to call forth the warmest effusions of lively gratitude to our merciful Benefactor; and which I trust we did not fail to improve to the best of purposes.

The next morning we discovered the land for which we were bound; but were not permitted to enter its harbour for twelve long days.

On our arrival at St. Johns, we

found that our vessel had sustained damages to the amount of five hundred pounds, and that not a vessel had arrived without having suffered more or less damage. Two vessels foundered in the gale; the crews of which, had recourse to their boats; and, after suffering extremely, were providentially picked up at sea; but in one of the boats only three survivors were found! It was firmly believed that many other vessels were lost among the icebergs, who would never more be heard of until the last great assembling of the human family before the throne of God, when, at his command, the sea shall give up her dead.

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## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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### BRITAIN.

THE eighty-ninth Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Ministers was held in Liverpool. Its sessions commenced on the 25th July, and continued by various adjournments, until August 6th. The Rev. Robt. Newton was elected President; and the Rev. Edmund Grindrod, Secretary. The Rev. Messrs. W. Stewart, Doolittle, and Waugh as the Representatives of the Irish Conference; and about three hundred Ministers from various parts of England, Scotland, and Wales were present. The prevalence of malignant Cholera in Liverpool occasioned of course some considerable alarm, and meetings for special prayer to God in behalf of his servants, of the hospitable families by whom they were kindly entertained, and of the town at large, were held, and very numerous attended; and it is matter of grateful record, that, during the entire Conference, the Preachers, and the families with whom they resided, were mercifully preserved from the prevailing epidemic; while the in-

stances of mortality around them were awfully prevalent.

The deliberations of the Conference were conducted with great unanimity, and with a more than ordinary degree of hallowed feeling; and a spirit of deep seriousness and devotion, was eminently present at all the religious services in the various chapels, especially on the Lord's day. Seventeen young men having acceptably fulfilled the period of their probation were admitted into full connexion with the Conference, and solemnly set apart to the work of the Christian Ministry: and forty-four candidates for the Ministry were recommended by their several quarterly and district meetings, a considerable number of whom offer themselves as Missionaries to the Heathen.

The past had been a year of considerable political excitement, which is exceedingly unfriendly to religion; and a more than usual number of persons belonging to the societies, especially in the agricultural districts, had, during the pre-