

## WESLEYAN MISSIONS.

## ARRIVAL OF THE REV. JONATHAN CROWTHER IN INDIA, WITH THE LOSS OF THE SHIP 'ELIZABETH.'

It will be remembered that the Rev. Jonathan Crowther and family, accompanied by five other Wesleyan Missionaries, three of whom were married, sailed from Bristol, in September last, on board the Elizabeth, a fine new vessel, the property of John Irving, Esq., of that city.

We regret to state, that intelligence has reached us, by the overland despatch, which left Bombay on the 23rd January, and arrived in London on Thursday last, of the probable loss of this vessel; but, at the same time, we are informed, that all the passengers and crew have been safely landed, and that there was hope, also, that a considerable part of the cargo would be saved.

The Asiatic Journal of this month contains the following announcement:

"The Elizabeth, Thomas, from Bristol to Madras, ran on shore on the evening of the 9th of January, near Linga Chetty's Choultry, (fifty-seven miles south of Madras,) and is lost: crew and passengers saved. The cargo expected to be landed with little damage; but from the shallowness of the water there is no chance of our getting the vessel afloat. The weather was fine, and very little surf, at the time she ran ashore."

No letters have been received at the Mission House from Mr. Crowther, or from the missionaries at Madras; but we have seen the Bombay Gazette, of the 26th January, which gives an extract from the Madras United Service Gazette, of the 13th of January, containing the following particulars additional to those in the above extract, from the Asiatic Journal. It states that when the Elizabeth had run aground, on the evening of the 9th, the surgeon of the ship, and the Rev. Richard D. Griffith, missionary, came ashore on a catamaran, a raft of three logs of wood lashed together, in order to obtain assistance;—that they walked more than ten miles to Sadras, an old Dutch settlement, where they failed to obtain boats, or any other aid;—they then pursued their journey on foot all the way to Madras, where they arrived in the afternoon of Thursday, the 11th. Mr. Carver, the resident missionary, left Madras the same night, with pakankens and other help, for the relief of the distressed party. It further states, that a traveller, who arrived in Madras from the south, on the evening of Friday, brought intelligence that all the passengers, including the ladies and children, had been safely landed, and had been conveyed to Sadras, where they were lodged in the bungalow, or traveller's rest-house, waiting for the means of pursuing their journey to Madras.

It appears that there is considerable difficulty in obtaining any extraordinary assistance in that part of the Coromandel coast in which our friends were overtaken with this calamity. The land is intersected by the Pallaur, a very broad river, and by an arm of the sea, as well as by narrow streams and stagnant waters: very much of the country lies waste, and is covered with jungle or forest; it has few inhabitants, and those for the most part poor, and without any means of sheltering or helping a party of Europeans in distress. Linga Chetty's choultry, near which the vessel went aground, is a large stone building erected for the temporary shelter of native or other travellers, but affording no accommodation beyond the naked walls and roof; and is equally open to all comers. The services of the Madras native, who accompanied the party from this country as a servant, would prove of value to them in these circumstances, from his knowledge of the language and the people. The surgeon and Mr. Griffith would have many inconveniences and some dangers to encounter in their journey on foot to Madras, the roads being a mere track through the sand, and many of the numerous rivers having no

bridges, and not having even boats to carry passengers across. It was a favourable circumstance that the moon was at full on the 10th. We trust that these intrepid travellers will not have suffered in their health from their unusual fatigue and exposure; and that the next mail, which may be expected within a month, will bring us favourable intelligence concerning the whole party, and the beautiful ship in which they sailed.

Meantime, their deliverance excites our devout gratitude to Almighty God; and their dangers and sufferings will not have been without their use, if they occasion an increased interest in the promotion of Christianity, in the vast and important regions of India, to which these missionaries are appointed.

## THE WESLEYAN.

## WESLEYAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

CHARLOTTE TOWN P. E. I., June 14.

THE annual meeting of the Preachers in the Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island District, has just closed. The next No. of the Wesleyan will contain a concise account of its proceedings and services. In the meantime we present our readers with the following Address, which was presented to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy, on Tuesday last, with his Excellency's reply.

To His Excellency Sir CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, K. H., Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto pertaining, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency;

We her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Wesleyan Ministers of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, being assembled in this our first annual district meeting since the demise of His late Majesty William the Fourth, of blessed memory, and the ascension of her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria to the Throne of the British Empire, beg permission to approach your Excellency with earnest congratulations on your Excellency's appointment to the administration of the government of this Island and its dependencies; and desire, on behalf of ourselves, and of the Societies which we represent, to express our firm attachment to Her Majesty's Royal Person and government—to the principles of the British Constitution—and to those noble and well tried national institutions, which have given Great Britain such preeminence among the nations of the earth.

Loyalty has ever been a distinguishing feature of Wesleyan Methodism; and we beg to inform your Excellency, that the same sentiments which influence the Connexion at home, do in like manner influence the Societies established by them in Her Majesty's transatlantic possessions.

It was therefore with the deepest regret, and the utmost abhorrence and detestation, that we heard of the recent Rebellion in the Canadas; and devoutly do we thank Almighty God, who has been pleased to crown Her Majesty's arms with success, thereby crushing the hopes of the unprincipled leaders of so foul and treasonable an attempt, and, happily, restoring peace to those distracted provinces.

That the Most High, who ruleth over the kingdoms of men, may ever shield our gracious Sovereign with his Almighty arm, and clothe her enemies with shame—that she may long continue to reign over a grateful, happy people, in peace and honour—and that, at a time very far remote from the present, she may exchange an earthly for an heavenly Crown, and bequeath an imperishable name to the memory and love of future generations, is the prayer of

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servants,

(Signed, on behalf of the Meeting.)

RICHARD KNIGHT.

Chairman of the District.

To which His Excellency was pleased to reply in the following terms:

To the Wesleyan Ministers of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island, assembled in their first annual District Conference since the accession of our present most gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria.

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