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on the deck; the bell of the ship tolled, and the crew and passengers, deeply affected, crowded around the scene. One of the missionaries read the burial service, and the moment that the sun sunk below the Indian Ocean the coffin was cast into the depths."

In his last letter written a few days before his death, Coke earnestly asks for additional missionaries, sketches his work in Ceylon and India, and anticipates. tracing the work of "that holy and celebrated man, Francis Xavier."

The missionaries with heavy hearts proceeded on their voyage and after a passage of twenty weeks reached Bombay. But God raised them up friends and opened the way before them. On reaching Ceylon they were hospitably lodged in the Government House. Lord Molesworth, the commandant, who, with his troops, attended the first service, was so deeply impressed by the sermon that he left a dinner party to kneel in prayer with the missionaries till he found peace in believing. Soon after, returning to England, his ship was lost with all on board save two or three. While it was sinking, he walked the deck, pointing the terrified passengers to the Saviour Embracing Lady Molesworth in his of men. arms, they sank into the waves, locked in each other's arms, and thus folded together in death

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