

ees of castaways upon this continent, must have occurred before population could have had time to extend itself to the extreme north-east of Asia and across Behring's Straits, or by induction from island to island across the Pacific to the American coast. In such cases, the chances would be that the crews would consist of but one sex. It is painful to contemplate the condition of such a company; cast upon an uninhabited coast; with no hope of rescue; without the poor privilege of savage society; left to experience the full import of the Divine verdict that it is not good for man to be alone; left to drag out a miserable life with the certain prospect of utter extinction; with the appalling prospect that some one of their number must finally perish in utter solitude, with no one of his species to sooth his anguish or minister to his wants; and each with the perpetual consciousness that this fearful lot might be his own. How many such forlorn crews may have perished on our coast, or what may have been their mental anguish in view of the gloomy prospect before them, or what were the sufferings of the last wretched survivors, we can never know till we meet them in another life, where we may have time and opportunity to unravel all the mysteries of Providence concerning our race.