

out as they are for about nine months of the year from all communication with the inhabited parts of the world, their privations are often very severe ; nor does this isolation press less heavily upon the missionary, who has often to suffer hardships undreamt of in our civilised land.

To these bodily privations are added severe mental privations : shut off from all communication with those of their own standing in life (for no settlers of the higher classes are to be found in these cold, desolate regions), without a possibility of hearing from relations and friends in England for at least eight, and probably nine months in the year, they must indeed have hearts firmly set upon Christ's service, or they could never go through the strain upon body and mind. In other churches they generally send two missionaries together, as our Lord sent the