

river, here 4 miles wide at high water, but at low water retires about a mile which is mud thickly strewn with boulders. Then a sort of sloping terrace, only some 150 or 200 yards wide commencing at high water mark and ending a few feet higher with a wall of precipitous rocky hill, cleft with sloping fissures by which you can get to the top and out of the place. The top is perhaps fifty or sixty feet high and extends some way North as a Plateau or all rock, with various hollows full of water. This rocky plateau at the N. E. end curves round till it meets the river and at the south or south-west end slopes down to a marshy plain which extends some way. The place is entirely on this lower level terrace between rock and river and stretches perhaps 400 yards from the trader's house at the open end to Mr. L.'s, at the base of the curve at the North end, and consists of five houses now inhabited, one or two in decay, the store and the Church. Enough to give one a fit of the blues if living there, but I had a most enjoyable time, only too short for myself the L.'s and the people. Wednesday evening I took the confirmation class for an hour.

Thursday, 18th.—More business, some more visits pastoral, some little rest and interviews with confirmation candidates filled up the day. I wanted to begin some letter writing, but had no time at Churchill.

Friday, 19th.—Bad weather and some sort of attack of indisposition on the part of Mrs. L. prevented us going off for the day to Eskimo camp, so I spent most of the day with L., planning a scheme for an Eskimo boarding-school and mapping out a tremendous programme of work for L., for the next $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, which will require much writing and careful raising and expending of funds, as well as much prayer and pains. I took a few photos of the place, and in the evening spent two hours by invitation with Mrs. Hawes, ending with a cake and *chocolate shape*, exceedingly rare luxuries at Churchill, and which I know Mrs. H. was quite unable to provide from her own slender stores. Though the wife of the trader in charge she has only the command of regular rations.—Flour, grease, salt pork, and beef occasionally; venison and fish, and a modicum of tea, sugar and butter, and I believe a very small allowance of currants for the year, and their pay won't allow many extras. The L.'s live comfort-