

the Esquimaux, and that the day might yet come when some, at anyrate, of the descendants of the survivors would be found.

Since then the Arctic regions have been the scene of many noble enterprises, and if this present work had for its object the recital of Polar adventures, and the heroes who have there distinguished themselves, much



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might be written. But this is the story of missionary pioneering, and its interest must be focussed upon one Polar country—that of Greenland. Here, as elsewhere, the missionary has led the way, and the Cross has preceded the flag of commerce. Brave as the Arctic explorers have been, they have not exceeded, in valour and patience, those who, for the sake of Christ