

teaching the Hottentots, Schmidt and Nitschmann in prison, etc. He also traced the Society's name to 3 John 6 : 7, 8 (Greek), and explained its double purpose, first to support the Gospel in Labrador, and secondly to further the Gospel by helping on their journey after a godly sort, brethren who for Christ's namesake went forth, taking nothing from the Gentile unbelievers.

Then Mr. Latrobe rehearsed the story of the *Harmony* and its recent visit to the coast stations of the north. Ten vessels have been employed in conveying Labrador missionaries, and the present ship is the fourth bearing this sacred name. She has returned from her thirty-first voyage, but this is the one hundred and twenty-second made to these shores by the Moravian vessels. He mentioned the singular Providence that has watched over these vessels, and said : " As the Society meets for its annual thanksgiving service, combined this year with its third Jubilee, precisely the same language as was used at the Centenary will review an added fifty years of these special mercies : ' During this long period no fatal accident has been permitted to befall this favored bark, or those whom she was conveying across the boisterous and often ice-bound deep, and along a coast bristling with rocks and abounding with peculiar perils ; nor has the communication between the missionaries and their brethren in Europe been in a single instance interrupted.' Partial failures have been experienced. In 1816, the *Jemima* landed the needed stores at Okak and Nain, but was compelled to leave Hopedale unvisited. The most serious failure was in 1853, when out of four stations the third *Harmony* was only able to reach Hopedale, the most southern. In both instances persistent gales drove the ship out to sea. The extraordinary perils of ice and war and of the numerous rocks along that still unsurveyed coast have never been suffered to cut off the communication with the mission stations.

" The development of the mission and of the trade, which partly supports it, made it necessary in 1870 for the Society to purchase a second vessel. The *Cordelia* was run down by a steamer off the Nore in 1881. No lives were lost in this, the most serious disaster in the one hundred and twenty years during which S. F. G. has been a shipowning firm."

Mr. Latrobe reported the deaths of valued native helpers, like the faithful Abraham of Nain, and Hulda eighty-one years old, and the aged Martha ; at Hopedale, Boaz and his sister Bertha, wife of Joshua, now too crippled to be of use. The epidemic influenza at Hopedale has taken not a few valued church-members away. The evangelistic tours by sledge were referred to, continued for three weeks, with no sleeping places at times but snow-huts ; the grammar of the Esquimaux language, a work of twenty years by Dr. Bourquin, and which has been received with great thanks, was cordially mentioned ; and the Esquimaux tongue was compared to a polar bear gnashing its teeth within the bars of its cage, against the man who would seek to bring and confine it within the rules of grammatical order and regularity.