

inclemency of a northern winter! However, nowise daunted or damped by this untoward event, nor by the scarcity of provision to which they were obliged to submit, (the vessel on which they had relied for their furniture and supplies having been twice baffled in attempting to reach them, and finally obliged to winter at Penetangweshene,) they set to work at that object which had drawn them from the comforts of civilized life, to this isolated, and then desert, spot.

But the confidence of the Indians had been lost by the sudden breaking up of the establishment, and their minds, naturally suspicious, had been worked on by the zealous emissaries of Rome, with the view of making them regard in no friendly light every attempt for their good, made by the English Government or the English Church. Under these disheartening circumstances, the self-denying zeal of the Missionary was manifested in a way calculated to dissipate the false impression which had been made by the untoward circumstances above related, and he neither spared himself nor regarded the comforts of the domestic circle in comparison with the fulfilment of the ministry committed to him. In the depth of a northern winter he sallied forth on the ice, now in the teeth of a biting north-west wind, and then up to the ankles in melting or melted snow, for the purpose of visiting the Indians all round the northern shore of the lake; and showing them, by the privations he was willing to endure in their cause, that he sought not theirs, but them. It is impossible