

requesting us to stop a short distance off, went to the house and interrupted the heathen exorcisms, which could now be distinctly heard as the convulsive utterances of a superstitious and ignorant savage in a condition of forced epilepsy. Permission to see the patient being soon given, an examination showed him to be suffering from hemiplegia and a skin disease known as rupia. After rendering the little medical assistance that lay in our power, we left him to the tender mercies of the 'shaman,' not, however, without a regret at being unable to see the operations and ceremonies of this individual, who may be regarded not so much as a cheat as a psychological phenomenon. Notwithstanding much that is wretched and forbidding among these people, they seem to have their share of domestic tranquillity, and one sees in them much to admire."

The Eskimos, as we know, are wofully deficient in almost everything that civilization has taught us to value and appreciate; but the deficiency has not affected their cheerful and genial disposition. Ignorance, with them, is bliss. Some observers find in them a strong likeness to the Australian aborigines. They are constantly gay and light of heart, full of smiles, and prompt of laughter, without gloom or