organ. The floor, except a space in front of the desk, was covered with a smooth coating of fine sand symmetrically arranged. This was to absorb the oil from the seal-skin boots of the Eskimos.

At the sound of a bell hung in a



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little belfry, the natives came trooping in. It was a genuine surprise to hear these Eskimos sing with much power and sweetness the grand old hvmns of the ages translated into their own tongue and set to fine German chorales or classic English music. They sang thus Luther's grand hymn, "Ein feste bourg ist unser Gott," "A mighty fortress is our God," and that noblest of all English hymns, Toplady's "Rock of Ages." The service is slightly liturgical, but the readings and responses all give evidence of careful religious training.

It is one of the miracles of missions that these devoted Moravian brethren, who found these aborigines of Greenland and Labrador unclean and brutal and murderous, have raised them by their faithful ministrations and the power of the Gospel to the dignity of men and often to the fellowship of saints. They reduced their rude jargon to a written language

into which they translated the Holy Scriptures, a copious hymnary, Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," a copy of which we possess. and other books. Through the generous aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society, these Scriptures have been printed in Eskimo and these once ignorant savages can read the oracles of God in their own mother tongue wherein they were born. On the centenary anniversary of the Bible Society, contemporaneous with the meetings in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and in many other of the great centres of civilization. was held a memorial service in this out-of-the-way place, cut off from the rest

of the world during the long months of winter by storm and ice and snow.

The devout observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and of Christian baptism, and of the quaint Moravian institution of the lovefeast, was to those who witnessed it profoundly impressive. The Eskimos exhibit much musical talent, and sometimes one of the natives will preside