

The "L" of the summer-house, the future school-room, and store-house, has been arranged for our temporary dwelling; a new and very strong flat roof has taken the place on the main building of the one swept off by the "great gale," a chimney has been built, the first floor laid, and one or two partitions up. At this point, with no rooms completed, the boards for flooring were exhausted, and the carpenters were obliged to commence work upon the winter-house on the banks of the Esquimaux River. This was a fortnight ago, the house has been framed and is being raised to day.

The site selected for the winter station is a point covered with bushes, with a deep cove on one side, and a high hill behind it. The former is the best harbour in the river, the latter shelters it from northerly winds. The mission house is in the midst of the evergreen shrubs, a few rods from the river, which in summer is the boat route and in winter the Koomatik road. The location is a central one for the river residents, and is about six miles from the summer station. How soon this place can be occupied, it is impossible to say, for, at this juncture, the carpenters must leave. A change of wind or a rough week may decide the whole. we shall probably remain "outside" for a month or two, and then remove to the winter station. In any event we have nothing to fear: we have a Protector; snow and stormy wind will only fulfil His word. Regular religious services are still held in our little kitchen, the Sabbath School in the morning, preaching in the afternoon, and prayer meeting in the evening. To the former the Bethel flag given by the Sabbath School of Zion Church, when hoisted upon the top of the hill brings together in their row boats quite a number of children, to read and sing, and talk and pray. This is still the most hopeful department of the work here. The present generation are fixed in wrong-thinking and wrong-doing—with God's blessing on the education of the children, the next may grow up to know and love the right. It is a source of disappointment and grief that the mission school is so long delayed for want of room. Miss Brodie has at present two little orphan girls in charge, and expects to take others soon. The situation of the winter-house in the settlement of Esquimaux River will permit scholars to return (usually) to their homes every day, and we hope to commence the school as soon as the removal to the river is made. Still the cherished plan of this part of the work, to keep the children regularly, for months together, under the influences of the mission, cannot be carried out till both houses are completed.

The evening prayer meeting is often a most precious hour, especially during the summer, when American Christians sojourning here participated in its exercises, and both sailors and settlers listened to the exhortation, or joined in the familiar hymn. The missionary concert in its own time takes the place of this meeting, and is a very interesting service to us. I have distributed several thousand tracts, magazines, and papers, besides Bibles, school-books and other publications. These have been circulated in the various channels which I have so often mentioned. A large number have been distributed among fishing vessels, an unusual number of which have been upon the coast the past season.

By these vessels packages of tracts, papers and hymns have been sent to Sunday Schools and communities in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward's Island, etc. A rare opportunity of communication with Greenland was improved by the transmission of a quantity of publications to

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