CENSUS OF THE SMITH-SOUND ESKIMOS. AUGUST 31, 1895.1

LEE.

(Names of males in black-faced type; of females in roman.)

* * Indicates deceased in epidemic of 1895-96.

† Indicates west-coast natives who have crossed Smith Sound to the Greenland side.

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Ah'-bee-lah Ah'-bee-lah

Ah'-ga-tah * Ah-gee'-tcher

* Ah-go'-tah Ah-go-tok'-suah Ah-kah-ting'-wah

Ah-kah-ting'-wah

† Ah-ki-gi-ah'-soo Ah-lee⁷-kah

Ah-lee'-kah

NAME

Ah-let'-tah Ah'-mah

Ah-me'-mia Ah-ming'-wah

Ah-ming-'wah Ah'-ne-nah

Ahng-een'-yah

Ahng-ling'-wah Ahng-mo-dok'-too

* * Ahng-nah Ahng-nah'-nia

¹ This census I believe to be absolutely correct.—It, as well as a complete genealogy of the tribe, is entirely the result of Lee's patient, persevering work, and as with everything else that was assigned to him, he went at it with the intention of having it right. At first his persistent inquiries after their children, relatives, and ancestors were regarded with a certain degree of suspicion by the natives, but finally they came to look upon it as a harmless indication of mild insanity, and since Lee was n't a half-bad fellow, he might as well be humoured in it. He never let an opportunity slip. While waiting in an igloo for our tea to brew, after a long sledge journey, Lee would cross-examine every native present as to his or her children, sisters, cousins, aunts, etc., and frequently during our arduous winter trips, if our sledges ranged alongside on a bit of smooth going, I would hear him deeply engaged with his driver endeavouring to straighten out some knotty problems of relationship, or perhaps trying to secure the names of the driver's great-grandmother's children. He frequently found it somewhat difficult to trace ancestry or descent on the paternal side, and many of his questions elicited answers which here would be considered embarrassing to say the least, but there were accompanied by audible smiles in which the entire company would join.