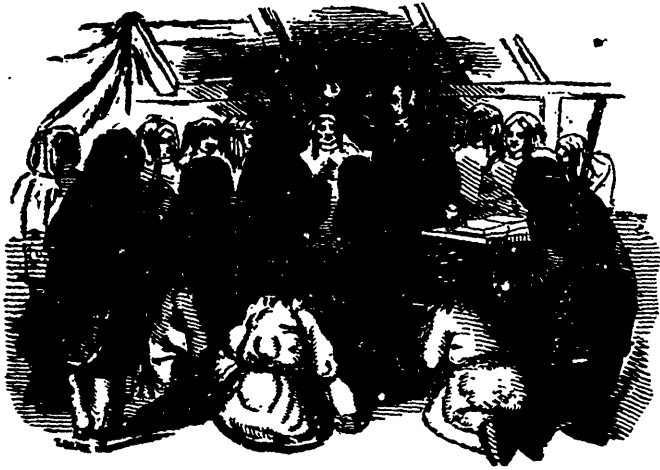


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Missionaries in Greenland.

Greenland lies, as you may see, to the north-east of North America, and is a cold and cheerless place. There the winter reigns for nine long months in the year. The ground through all that period is covered with a mantle of snow; and all the rivers, and creeks, and bays, and ponds, are frozen up. For three or four months of the time, that is from September to January, the sun never rises; and one long night sets in on Greenland. During this time, too, all the birds, and rabbits, and hares, and wolves, and bears, and foxes, and other animals, turn white, just like the snow. God has so arranged it, that they may run over the ground without being seen, and so escape their pursuers. While winter lasts, the Greenlander lives in a little hut he has built of blocks of snow, something of the form of a great beehive, about as high in the middle as a

man of six feet could stand upright in, and of whatever size round his family may need. He makes a very low door, through which he creeps on his hands and feet; and he makes a little kennel for his dogs outside it, like a passage. He makes the door so low to keep out the cold; and he has the kennel for his dogs around it, to guard it from the bears or wolves that might otherwise try to pay him an unwelcome visit. I am sure you would not think it very nice to live in a snow house for nine long months; but the Greenlander does not mind it much. He wraps himself up in his warm fur jacket; and though the cold is very great, and the night is very long, he manages to get through. And now, since the Gospel has come to Greenland, these snow huts have often resounded with the songs of praise, and have become bright spots, to which many Christian Greenlanders will look