



A GROUP OF ESKIMOS.

Christian bodies merits a wider recognition and more careful study and imitation than she has ordinarily received. It is impossible to read the story of her sacrificing toil and holy triumphs without feeling the rebuke which her enthusiasm gives to Protestantism in general. Nor is it possible to read this story aright without receiving a fresh impulse and inspiration to obey Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. The history of Moravian missions is the history of the Moravian Church.

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The Moravians enjoy the unique distinction of being "the only Protestant Church that subsists as an

organic unit throughout the world." Presbyterio-Episcopal in its constitution, the affairs of the Church are conducted by boards, while the body as a whole is governed by a General Synod, meeting, at intervals of about ten years, in Herrnhut. The religious life of the Church is said by those who know it well to realize, in a good measure, "the true conception of primitive Christianity." Renouncing worldly vanities, they nevertheless escape the errors of asceticism. The commonplace duties and labors of life are made to contribute to spiritual refreshment. The hidden life is nourished by sacred song, hymns being provided for the various experience of life, as "cradle hymns, hymns for travelling, and, before the distaff became obsolete, spinning hymns."