

enough provisions for the journey to the district. He failed, however, to meet with any game and, on his return, suffered terribly from hunger. When he arrived home his skin coat was eaten up to the shoulders, part of his pants was devoured, and also his boots down to the ankles.

The missionaries, much to their dissatisfaction, have been obliged to enter into trading relations with the natives, in order to protect them from the distress caused by the high prices of the Hudson Bay Company and other traders. The Esquimaux, like our Mic-mac Indians, are very improvident, and make no exertion during the summer to lay by stores for the winter, trusting for their supplies of food and clothing to the missionaries, who take in exchange the products of their hunting and fishing. It has been the custom in some quarters to accuse the Moravians of making money by their trading transactions with the Esquimaux, but so far is this from being the case, that the missionaries conduct their business even at a sacrifice to themselves.

The society owns and employs for their own exclusive service a large barque called the *Harmony*, a name which has belonged to three previous vessels. No coast surpasses that of Labrador in dangers for navigation, both on account of its exposure to fierce storms, and because of the numberless shoals and reefs which are neither marked on any chart nor distinguished by a warning lighthouse or fog-horn, and above all, by reason of the vast fields of ice and immense bergs that float about the whole year round. Notwithstanding these perils and the additional danger due to the frequent refusal of the compass to work, the *Harmony* has for one hundred and twenty years, made her annual trip from the Thames, freighted with clothing and provisions, and has never yet failed in reaching her desired haven. Not a man has been lost, no floating ice-berg has started one timber, no hidden rock has made a breach in her side. Truly Providence seems to protect and favour His faithful servants in a wonderful manner.

The short summer occasionally prevents the *Harmony* from visiting one or two stations, so that the missionaries at these points hear nothing from their friends or the outside world for two long years.

Such are some of the more interesting features of the noble work these Moravian Missionaries are doing among the Esquimaux. Their splendid example of the spirit of self-sacrifice should win for them the respect of the Christian world and stir up the members of churches in more favoured lands, who too often allow themselves to pass their lives in comfortable ease, with never a thought for the darkness of the regions of heathenism.

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