

not feel so much the irksomeness. On the *sanka* only one person can sit, and it is used for light drives. The *narta* is used for transferring heavy weights, and the *povozochka* for the carrying of important personages and the higher officials. In this last conveyance only one person can sit, and at that in such a position that he cannot move or turn. On the front the *Kayour* (driver) sits supplied with a pole, which serves in his hands as a balance over uneven roads, and as a brake on going down hill. For the *sanka* five dogs are sufficient, but for the *narta* and *povozochka* from fourteen to twenty dogs must be harnessed. They are tied in pairs to a long strap which is attached to the sleigh, and this sort of a coach flits along like an arrow over the snow-drifts. The dogs are controlled by the voice of the *kayour*, *gkah*, *gkah* (to the right), *gkuh*, *gkuh* (to the left), *hna* (stop) but for trained dogs it is sufficient, without using the voice, to strike with the pole on one or the other side of the sleigh and they will turn to the right or left accordingly."

By means of these dog-sleds the Right Reverend Innocent had traveled over 5000 versts. "One cannot imagine—say those who traveled in Kamchatka—all the hardships of the traveler who is drawn only by dogs for several hundred miles over a snowy plain, when the thermometer falls to twenty below zero in a Siberian frost. For the safety of travelers in a snowstorm, which sometimes lasts for several days in succession, log huts at every forty or fifty versts are built, and in these they pass the night. In these huts, which are not made well, a stone fireplace can be found. But it often happens that travelers cannot reach such a shelter before night; they then dig into the snow till they reach the ground, which makes a kind of cave, at the entrance of which they light a fire, and in this way, in a most severe frost, they are compelled to pass the night."