



EXTERIOR OF ESKIMO HUT.

or against my side, with the constant, repeated question as to what I am writing about." He then concludes, "As I write, the ducks and geese are flying backwards and forwards by hundreds overhead, and the fish are constantly brought in from the river. As the Eskimo tents are small and well filled I have found it best since the thaw began to camp by myself outside, and the more so as they keep in spring time rather strange hours, mostly going to bed after midnight and not rising till past noon, and some remaining up all night, and then sleeping the greater part of the following day.

"The Eskimo sleep in their tents, between their deer-skins, all together in a row, extending the whole breadth of the tent, and if there are more than enough for one row, they commence a second at the foot of the bed, with the head turned the other way. For myself, I always took care to commence their second row, keeping to the extremity of the tent, and there generally rested without inconvenience, except, perhaps, a foot thrust occasionally into my side. At the same time it must be confessed that the Eskimo are rather noisy, often talking or singing a greater part of the night, especially the boys, and if any extra visitors arrive so that the tent is over full, it is not exactly agreeable. I have, however, now stayed with the Eskimo in all their dwellings, for last fall I spent four nights with them in one of their wooden houses, and this spring I have lived for a month with them, partly in a snow house and partly in a deer-skin tent. I am

glad to have done this, but should not wish to repeat it unless from necessity. In case of visiting them again, I should endeavor to have a camp of my own, and in summer time I could take my own tent with me, and if I could take my own tent with me and if I could persuade the Eskimo to respect its privacy I might pass a pleasant time with them. At present, camping by myself outside their tents, I am passing my time with them without any hardship or inconvenience.

"The main ice on the Mackenzie broke up on the 8th of June, but the channel by which we were ascending still continued blocked with ice till the 14th. After this date we were able to proceed on our voyage without further detention, and arrived safely, by God's help, at St. Paul's River Fort on the 18th of June, about midnight."

*(To be continued.)*

"IN the foremost rank of powers destined to change the face of the world stand Christian missions."—*Robert Mackenzie.*

DR. MURRAY MITCHELL being asked, "What is being done for the missionary cause in India?" replied, "Very much and very little." He explained, "God is doing very much, but man is doing very little."

Every temptation is great or small, according as the man is.