

Of this young woman, it is said, at a subsequent period—

“ Self conceit, that subtle intruder, began to creep in among the believing Greenlanders, and too often imbibed the joy of their teachers. Even Sarah was observed to become petulant and unruly. When she was reminded of the grace bestowed upon her, and exhorted to continue faithful, her heart swelled, she acknowledged her fault, and heartily entreated our Saviour for pardon, and grace to amend. But this reformation was not the work of a moment. In the sequel the brethren discovered that the root of the mischief was, her entertaining high thoughts of herself, on account of her successful diligence among the Heathen. They pointed out to her the corruption of her heart; and bade her reflect on the deplorable situation in which the Redeemer found her and shewed mercy to her, with her sensations on that occasion. She burst into tears and said—“ Ah, now I plainly feel that I have gradually departed from the happiness which I then enjoyed, and our Saviour is become a stranger to me.—Now, though I pray, I find no comfort notwithstanding; and I seem unable to recover the way to Him.” On this they kneeled down with her, and prayed to the compassionate Saviour to reveal himself to her heart afresh. She was desired to pray too; but she could not utter a single word, the sobs stifling her voice. From that time however, she had visibly a very humble opinion of herself, and was again favored with a free access to the Friend of the sinful and miserable.

“ Mr. Drachart, (the Danish Missionary,) had noticed the same feeling in his baptized people; and found it necessary, as well as the Brethren, to proceed very cautiously in the tuition of his little flock, and to inculcate poverty of spirit as an essential part of the Christian character.”

On this return of Matthew Stach to

his labors, he found the brethren and the neighbouring Danish Missionary in Godthaab living in the most perfect harmony. It is an edifying picture which Crantz draws in the following passage—

“ It would be a culpable omission, to neglect noticing the good understanding which subsisted between the Brethren and Danish Missionary, Mr. Drachart, who came to the country in 1739. He conferred with them on the best method of reaching the hearts of the Heathen, and often joined them in their visiting journeys. He saw no impropriety in desiring their assistance, in preparing his candidates for baptism; as they also gladly accepted his services on similar occasions. He poured his grief into their bosom, whenever his labors were not immediately productive of all the fruits which he desired; though they saw clear proofs among his flock, that the Lord was with him.—Since he requested their counsel, they advised him not so much to aim at increasing his numbers, as at grounding those who are already awakened on a firm foundation of vital knowledge; and to promote a close connection among them, that, when he could not be with them, they might encourage one another. He saw the good sense of this advice, and its utility evinced itself more clearly from year to year.”

The settlement was sometimes visited by hostile Greenlanders, who would lie on the watch to injure the Brethren. A party of this description beset it about this time, when all the men were absent except Matthew Stach, whose courage and faithfulness on this occasion were admirable. We quote his own account of what passed—

“ My room was crowded; and the rest of the house was filled by those who could not gain admittance. Though I knew what they had threatened, I felt no alarm, and went on quietly with my translation. After