

or ten handsome wooden houses of considerable size, built in the modern style; the sight of which made us feel almost at home. Among the residents of Godhaven, besides the Inspector, are the Governor, Mr. Sanderson, and his Assistant, Mr. Olrick, and several other gentlemen of education and refinement, who treated us with the greatest hospitality—doing all in their power to compensate us for the hardships and deprivation of comforts, to which we had so long been subjected. Certainly the kindness of their behavior to us will always be held in grateful remembrance by every member of our party.

A Danish ship visits this place once every year; and we were fortunate enough to find it there when we arrived. This ship is sent from Copenhagen for the purpose of supplying the settlers with clothing, provisions, newspapers and letters from their friends in Denmark. As the good people on the island receive their newspapers but once in a year, it may be supposed that they are not well posted up in the affairs of the world at large.

A short time before the Danish vessel intended to start on her homeward trip, two other ships were reported to be seen standing for the harbor. They were soon made out to be a propeller and a bark; and we doubted not that these were the vessels belonging to the American expedition under Captain Hartstein, which had been sent out to search for Dr. Kane and his party. We had heard some account of this expedition while we remained at Upernavik. As soon as the vessels came near enough to satisfy us respecting their identity, several boats were manned for the conveyance of our company on board. When we reached the bark, which was towed by the steamer, we met with a hearty and joyful reception from Captain Hartstein and the officers under his command. They had past our boats in Melville Bay while we were returning and Captain Hartstein was proceeding northward, but it so happened that we did not come within sight of each other. They approached within forty miles of our deserted ship, when their progress was stopped by the fast ice. They then returned on the west side; and as no traces of our expedition were found, they intended to return to the north, and renew their search during the winter and the succeeding spring and summer. Their voyage had been quite a rough one, as the condition of their ships sufficiently testified. These vessels remained for several days in the harbor of Godhaven, where the officers were most generously entertained by the gentlemen of the place. All the members of Dr. Kane's expedition being received on board, we started for New York, and arrived at that city, after a very quick passage, on the eleventh day of October, 1855.