

holy and righteous, but likewise gracious and merciful, and desires the deliverance of mankind from the chains of Satan, through the all-sufficient atonement of his Son. Such expressions, on their part, afford us a desirable opportunity of representing to them the great advantages which they enjoy over their heathen countrymen, and to exhort them to watch and pray, lest they yield to the temptations around them, and walk unworthy of the grace received. On the whole, we are thankful to be able to testify that our Esquimaux flock has afforded us encouragement and joy during the year past. The declarations of many have led us to hope that they were growing in the knowledge of themselves as sinners, and of Jesus Christ as their all-sufficient Saviour, through the teaching and operation of the Spirit of God.

The schools have been diligently frequented; and the newly established infant-school, which is held in two divisions, has afforded us peculiar pleasure. Children of three years old are to be met with, who already know their alphabet: and children a little older can spell very tolerably. Many can also repeat suitable hymns, which they are taught to sing before and after school hours, and likewise at church.

We acknowledge with gratitude the generous offer of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to render us further assistance in the publication of integral portions of the word of God; and we send, by the present opportunity, an Esquimaux version of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, which has been carefully revised by brethren competent to the task, with the request that the Society would kindly undertake the printing of it for the use of our congregations.

A similar offer on the part of the Religious Tract Society, to print such tracts in the Esquimaux language as may be suitable for circulation among our people, calls likewise for the expression of our sincere thanks. We send two tracts for this purpose, the only ones we have hitherto been able to translate and revise.

The improved edition of Luther's Exposition of the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed, for which we are indebted to your Society, is a valuable present to young people, and we beg to thank you for it in their name. May the use of it be a blessed means of leading them into a more accurate and experimental knowledge both of the doctrines and the precepts contained in the word of God.

A private letter says—

Our official letter alludes to the severe weather which has characterized the last twelve months. During the winter our Es-

quimaux had much to suffer. A woman observed, in reference to this season of distress, "I had indeed to endure great bodily hunger, but how much greater would have been my misery if my soul had been also furnished, and I had not been able to find comfort and refreshment in the word of God, and in the enjoyment of his grace."

GREENLAND.—The internal state of the Greenland congregation attached to this oldest settlement (New Herrnhut) is such that we can in truth rejoice over it. The conversation of the majority of its members is in conformity with the precepts of the word of God, and worthy of the grace they have received. Our young people, especially, have afforded us joy and encouragement, by their diligence and good conduct at school. The kind contributions of some friends in Europe having enabled us to procure from Copenhagen a quantity of slates and writing paper, we shall find ourselves in a situation to give our pupils further instruction in the art of writing, and also to add some lessons in arithmetic. I have already prepared a multiplication table in the difficult Greenland language, and other simple tables used in ciphering, which we shall lose no time in introducing into our schools.—*Missionary Intelligencer*.

## SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Gospel of Christ is continually developing its power and excellence, wherever it prevails. Speculative men, not very favourable to its progress, or rather wishing to discourage it, have pleaded for civilization in preference to Christianity, if not actually to exclude the latter, at least to act as its precursor and prepare the way for its introduction. Experience is the grand test of principle; and that is in favour of a method directly the reverse of their speculative one. The Gospel is the great civilizer, by enlightening the minds of men, and bringing the passions under control, and causing them to move in harmony. Of the truth of this, the annals of Missionary enterprise furnish abundant and satisfactory evidence. The following is an additional proof:—

*Gazette and Journal of Commerce*.—We have seen, says the *Charleston Observer*, as quoted by the *Boston Recorder*, a paper from