

snow, which lies sometimes from ten to fifteen feet deep in these valleys full of crevices. However, at nine o'clock they arrived very weary, bringing back the robe, which makes up the four now remaining to us, and the few pounds of pemmican which we had been compelled to leave. Having found great difficulty in penetrating inland, they tried to return by the shore; but the snow is now too deep and too yielding for travelling, without snow-shoes, to be possible; they were forced to give up the idea, and return by the road they had gone in the morning. The snow has covered over the hut that we had constructed, and made a perfectly compact and solid mass of it. They found the ice broken, even in places where we passed yesterday. Indeed, I had gone out to meet them this evening, and made the same observation; we are indebted to the full moon for a bright light, and also for strong tides which break the ice-floes, and render their position very unstable. On reading over what I said yesterday about the experience I am gaining, I may also add, that I must