

received the long-wished for grant from the Privy Council, by which the Brethren's Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel obtained permission from the king and his ministers, to make settlements on the coast of Labrador, and preach the Gospel to the Esquimaux.

"In the year 1769, I obtained leave to attend the general Synod of the Brethren's Church, held at Marienborn in Westcravia. Here I experienced rich spiritual blessings, and was particularly led by the Holy Spirit to examine, whether my mind and temper were made conformable to the mind and will of my Saviour. I confessed my deficiency in this respect, and prayed him to deliver me from everything, that might either retard the completion of His work within me, or prove injurious to His cause, especially from the natural impetuosity and roughness of my disposition, which, as I was well aware, must give pain to those about me. The Synod resolved, that I should make another voyage to Labrador to examine the coast, and that in the year following a Mission should be established there. My heart and lips overflowed with praise and thanksgiving, that our Saviour had thus far helped us. In the year 1770, some brethren in London, who felt much interested in the Mission, purchased a vessel, with which they resolved to send us to the coast of Labrador, and to supply us annually with the necessaries of life, and that they might be better able to support the undertaking, they agreed to commence some kind of traffic with the natives. With this vessel, Br. Draehart, (formerly a Missionary in Greenland), Br. Stephen Jensen, and I, set sail, to explore the coast and find a place fit to build on. We made the land at a place called Arnitok, an island about six miles from the spot where Nain now stands. Here we found twenty-nine boats full of Esquimaux, who began to behave with great insolence, and would not be quiet, till the report of our great guns frightened them into order. Having waited two days, we went on shore, met them in a friendly way, and preached the Gospel to them. After this, Br. Stephen Jensen and I went up and down the coast unmolested, seeking a proper spot for building, but in vain. We therefore set sail again, and ran into an harbour, upon the most eastern point of the main land near Nain. From hence we passed by and between a number of islands and sunken rocks, and were mercifully protected from harm, though obliged to venture along this unknown coast, without charts, or pilots, or any guide whatever. I cannot describe the joy and gratitude we all felt, both for the temporal mercies and protecting care of God, which was every morning new, and particularly that He gave us favour in the sight of the Esquimaux, who willingly sold us their land, and earnestly begged us to return the next year and settle amongst them; as likewise that we had found a spot fit for a settlement, and hitherto met with everything according to our wishes. I had the best hopes, that His thoughts were thoughts of peace concerning this poor benighted nation, and that in His own time, He would glorify His saving name amongst them. We returned to London in autumn, and were employed during winter with building a house of framework, which now stands at Nain.

"April 11th, 1771.—I was married at Chelsea to Mary Butterworth, of Fulbeck, and in May, we again set sail for the coast of Labrador. I will not enumerate the many hardships and alarms necessarily experienced on a voyage along a rocky, unfrequented, and in-