

As those who had been sick recovered any measure of health, they manifested the greatest impatience to be again ranging abroad in the open air; so that by too great exertions they sometimes brought on a relapse, and it was only by agreeing to their wishes under certain conditions and restrictions, that they were in most instances manageable in these circumstances.

About the middle of March, two families of the Esquimaux left Igloolik and moved to the southward, where they said the walrusses were more abundant, and before the end of the month many more families took their final departure. These removals could not arise from a want of the opportunity of procuring food, but is the consequence of habit, and the disposition of all uncivilized people to roam about and change their habitations.

The state of the weather was now such that the ships' crews engaged in a variety of games on shore. Cricket, quoits, and other sports occupied some hours every day, and both officers and men found the cheering effects of being more abroad.

On the 21st the wife of another of the Esquimaux died. She had been brought to the hospital a few days preceeding in a very weak state, and died without a struggle. As she was on the point of expiring, she took the hand of Mr. Skeoch and pressed it to her lips as expressive of the gratitude she felt for the attention he had paid to her during her sickness. Her husband also manifested much thankfulness for his attention to her. A very short time before she died, the husband fetched two of his sons who were then on board the ships, to see their mother, and on her expiring they all burst out into crying and lamentations for a few minutes, and then left the spot apparently as cheerful as ever. Her husband now dressed her in her clothes, and she was sewed up in a hammock, leaving her face uncovered. On the day following she was buried, the body being placed on a sledge and drawn by two men to the place of interment. When it