



DOG, SLEIGH AND DRIVER.

proceed by boat, for the ice was already forming upon the rivers,—did anything more rebellious than a sigh escape her lips. Then came a short delay, while messengers were despatched to the fort to summon sleighs and carioles to convey the freight and passengers to their destination. Right gladly were they welcomed, those merry sleigh bells, and busy were all packing and making fast the cargo. There were twenty sleighs altogether, and among them one sent expressly for our heroine, the only white lady of the large party. Two more days travelling awaited her, and one night, in the snow—well and closely packed, however, and the clear northern sky and brilliant stars, and probably beautiful aurora playing overhead! Then at last the long time of travel and suspense was over. No fairy tale ever came to a brighter happier conclusion. For the meeting took place, and two loving hearts were made happy—and our mission has none more faithful, zealous workers than those two within the Arctic circle.

WOMAN'S WORK.

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(Concluded.)

AND while we most deeply lament and regret the weakness and the evil resulting from the divisions of those who profess and call themselves Christians, and caused by the faithlessness and wilfulness of men, and while we cannot but believe that all work done for our Lord's sake and in His name will be acceptable to Him who deigned to employ as one of His first missionaries the ignorant and erring woman of Sychar, the woman who was entrusted with the blessed message of living water, and whose testimony "many of the Samaritans of that

city believed,"—yet we naturally feel the deepest love and reverence for that form of labor defined, sanctioned, and carried out by our own branch of God's Church, according to her interpretation of His command.

Though in the performance of Christian work one species so frequently runs into and

blends with another that it is sometimes difficult to perceive where one ends and another begins, we may perhaps for our present purpose divide it under four heads. Firstly, societies for the help and improvement of those who need moral assistance among difficulties, dangers and temptations, more than merely material aid; next, refuge and reformation for those—the sinner and the penitent—who have succumbed to the temptation and the danger; thirdly, the nursing of the sick and the care and training of the young and helpless; and last and best, mission work in its highest, purest sense, which, while it includes all the rest, possesses a lofty dignity all its own.

Taking these in the order named a glance at the yearly report of the Church of England shows us that she provides within herself five societies for women's help and protection. There is the Young Women's Help Society, established seven years ago for the befriending of working girls; of this there are now 80 branches, and the members include women engaged in almost every kind of labor. There are the Homes for Working Girls, Ladies Association for the Care of Friendless Girls, the Parochial Mission Woman's Association for reaching the very poorest women through the medium of workers of their own class; and lastly that association of which we have the satisfaction of possessing a flourishing branch in our own land, the Girl's Friendly Society. These different societies are all founded on the central idea of the banding together of the members for mutual support and assistance in leading pure and upright lives, for sympathy and prayer, and encouragement in industry and thrift. They are steadily on the increase, and are of tried value.

For those who no longer hold their place among the worthy we find that the women of the Church can, as becomes the disciples of Him who