

he had proper training. He is a tall man, of fine appearance, and the very best man Dr. Rae had in the Arctic regions. He is entirely trustworthy, and has long been in the service of the Company, and has saved £100, which he has invested. His wife does our washing, and is as neat as a new pin. I wish I had some discretionary power to train and employ a native agency: I can't employ them without means.

2nd.—I was to the woods all this forenoon, to see if I could find any timber fit for sawing. I found a little, but not enough. The weather was rather fine when I started, and I staid until near noon, and then returned. The thermometer was about 25° below zero, and a fierce storm driving in my face. I had two miles to walk across the ice, and my eyes would freeze up in spite of all my efforts. Flakes of ice froze on my face, and every few minutes I would turn around and thaw out. I got off the track, and got pretty much exhausted floundering through the drifts. This is 54° north.

4th.—I was engaged yesterday getting out timber to make two short sleds, with broad runners. I do this to prepare to draw logs of various lengths for sawing, &c. These sleds can be fastened one to the other so as to suit the length of the logs, and also will not sink in the deep snow. To-day we all go to the Fort. This is our holiday visit. We were all so occupied during the holidays with the Indians, and writing letters to Canada, that we had no time for any thing else.

5th.—The ther. was 42 below 0. yesterday morning. At noon when about 28 below we went to the Fort, and took dinner with Mr. Barston, and staid to tea. The whole family was over for the day. We returned between eight and nine o'clock, p. m., the thermometer about 35 below 0. It was calm, and our little son and I walked, while Mrs. H., Miss A., and the babe rode in the dog cariole. The moon shone brightly, and a smart walk kept me quite warm with only ordinary winter clothing; but a little wind brought a biting, stinging sensation to the parts of the face exposed. The idea of chilling or shivering as connected with high northern latitudes, I have not realized at all.

Tuesday 9th.—It has been continuously

cold. I visited the School to-day, and found 33 girls in Miss A.'s department, and 21 boys in Mr. Taylor's department. This is about the usual proportion. Miss A. has a very encouraging prayer meeting among the girls, she promises to do us great good. The female prayer meeting was held this evening, and Mrs. H. says it was the best one they have ever had; she tells of one poor widow woman who is very destitute, but who poured forth a prayer so rich and full of the Spirit as she has seldom heard. The poor widow was not only happy, but was full of glory.

15th.—The weather has been very cold for two or three weeks, ranging from 25 to 42 below 0. We have been moving on very quietly with good meetings. Two women have died recently, an old woman and her daughter from Oxford. They were very destitute, and were cared for by our people. The old woman was not a christian, she was often spoken to, and urged by our people to serve God. She said she thought she would before she died. She found herself failing, and frequently remarked that she was afraid to die; for, said she, "when I look back I see I have been wicked, and that makes me afraid to die." Thus she continued saying she was afraid to die, but could not be induced to call upon God for mercy.

18th.—I was all yesterday forenoon across the Lake to the north, three miles, to look for timber to make boards, but found none large enough. If we now get timber that will make boards six inches wide we will be satisfied,

23rd.—Mr. Barnston was over here yesterday, and we had a talk in regard to putting a stop to improper intercourse between the young white men at the Fort, and our young women here. Mr. Barnston has done all that a christian gentleman could do to correct the wickedness of those under his charge. We are under great obligations to him in this and in many other respects.

26th.—We have a number of sick. The young man that was married last fall, but who has not courage enough to speak to his wife is sick, and has been out of his head for two nights; I saw him last night, and heard him talk. He imagines there are celestial beings near him, and he begs them to take him,