

be many a home in England whose empty rooms might welcome some bereaved one, who would bring a greater blessing than that received. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'

I bought a farmer's pony from the pastor, and he added a fine black sheepskin, which, folded over the saddle, made easier work of many a long



VALLANES CHURCH, WITH AN ANCIENT CARVING OF THE SAVIOUR.

day's ride. Flowers abound on every hand; those of Seydisfjörth and many others, campion and catchfly, avens and asphodel, meadow rose, and meadow rue. We are now on the borderland of basalt, and the volcanic centre.

The Skriðdalur, or Slipping dale, which narrows in before us, contains a line of landslip and of cones. The colour contrasts on the slopes are very fine. On the dark-grey, protruding basalt buttresses rest piles of burnt sienna, or buff and ochreous, palagonite and trachyte, changing sometimes to greens of sulphurous tone; while above all is a crown of pure white snow. Some of these slopes are of fragile stuff, of which great beds have formed beneath, and through these the torrents have torn great gaping *gils*, wherein the varied colours meet, and out of which stand ribs of