

that this is not the case. That experienced observer, who has not only visited Greenland, but is also intimately acquainted with the original memoirs and works in the Danish language of Dr. Rink (now Governor of Greenland), informs me that the icy platforms alluded to have neither any existence in nature nor in the writings of Rink. In fact, the ice rises first abruptly to the height of 2,000 feet, and then slopes gradually towards the interior to unknown heights, as far as the eye can reach, as was verified by Dr. Torell himself, who obtained an extensive view of the inland country from the top of a mountain called Karsok in the outskirts.

This mountain is between 5,000 and 6,000 feet high, and is situated north of Disco Island in the peninsula of Noursoak, lat. 70° N., and south of the frith of Omenak. From that elevated point, Dr. Torell beheld an inclined plane of ice ascending gradually towards the interior, with some abrupt mountains standing up here and there, which, as described by Rink, break the otherwise uniform and continuous icy slope. He obtained a similar view of the continental ice a hundred miles farther north, at Upernivik (lat. $72^{\circ} 45'$ N.), where Rink saw on the surface of the ice lines of stones or moraines, even in the extreme distance, indicating, he says, the existence of precipitous mountains still farther east. Dr. Torell did not see these moraines, because when he was there it was late in the autumn, after fresh snow had fallen.

The error in the abstract of the Geographical Society's Journal seems to have arisen from the word 'ice-streams' having been mistaken for 'ice-steps;' for Rink mentions his having counted twenty-two ice-streams along the coast, and says that about six others are known by description to descend valleys, which are concealed under a general covering of ice.

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PHENOMENA OF THE GLACIAL DRIFT OF SCOTLAND. BY ARCHIBALD GEIKIE, ESQ. TRANS. GEOL. SOC. GLASGOW. VOL. 1, PART 2, 1863.

THIS valuable work on the drift of Scotland, the fruit of several years of original observation, made its appearance after my chapters on the same subject were printed, and I was glad to find that all the