

some one requested us to hurry to the ships and tell the whalers not to give out any more whisky because it is making the Eskimo like dogs!

After staying at the village a week we proceeded westward, going from channel to channel until we crossed the delta of the Mackenzie and then skirting the shore until we reached Herschel Island, a distance of over 200 miles. This, although in Canadian territory, is used as a station by an American whaling fleet. Last winter no fewer than fifteen vessels, and about 500 people were stationed here. Besides the ordinary crews which include Portuguese, Japanese, and Hawaiians, there are a great many Eskimos from the west, and some natives from the coast of Siberia. There were no vessels in when we arrived, but before we left nearly twenty had assembled either to bring or receive supplies. With the Eskimo we had service every evening, using the blacksmith's shop as a church, the anvil serving for a reading desk! There was an average attendance of about thirty, mostly women of different tribes. They were all well, clothed and looked happy, poor things, enjoying the present, and living in blissful ignorance of the sad future before them. As one of the best means for improving the morals of the place the captains had suggested to Mr. Stringer in the spring, the establishing of a mission there, and they subscribed about \$600.00 towards that object. They also signed an agreement not to distribute any more whisky amongst the Indians, or Eastern Eskimo, which, if kept, will be a great check upon one of the prevailing vices. With part of the money contributed, (a poor Hawaiian sailor gave 25 cents, all he had!) we purchased a sod house, and a frame building, to serve for a dwelling house and church eventually. The former will be used probably by Mr. Whittaker this winter.

From what I observed both at Fort McPherson, and on the journey I think I can endorse what Mr. Stringer reports. He says: "I believe that some of the Eskimo are really becoming enlightened in the truth of the Gospel. Some are still careless, and some are yielding under the ways of evil influences. Very few, if any of them, seem disposed to accept the teaching of the Roman Catholics. Many are apparently becoming more civilized and are greatly improving in their manners and habits. They are becoming much more trustworthy, and I think their confidence in us is increasing." After we had been enforcing the necessity of keeping the sabbath one of them