

THE ESKIMO MISSION OF THE MACKENZIE

the coast. He also saw Captain Bernard of the schooner "Teddy Bear," who had passed a winter near the mouth of the Coppermine, and who showed Mr. Fry photographs of large groups of these people. He also met Mr. Stefansson, who spent "portions of four days with him, making sketch maps, showing location of tribes in summer and winter, as well as population, drawing and locating such ship harbours as I know of, etc." (Extract from Mr. Stefansson's letter to Mr. Whittaker).

Mr. Fry
Chosen for
this New
Work.

When these facts were laid before Bishop Stringer and Archdeacon Lucas last July there was no hesitation as to the need of moving at once. Mr. W. Henry Fry was ordained for the work. He had already been three years in the field and has a good knowledge of Eskimo character, and a faculty of inspiring their confidence. At the same time he could not undertake such a work at so great a distance single handed, and the new converts were approached as to whether any of them would volunteer to accompany him, it being well explained to them that if they went they would have to depend on their own efforts to keep themselves, and at the same time would be expected to show by word of mouth, and holy life, the gospel they were carrying. The response was that they could not volunteer, as the volunteers might be unsuitable, but, "We are Christians, tell us whom you would like to go with Mr. Fry, and we will go."

Volunteers
Called for
from Among
the Native
Christians.

Ten people, five couples, were chosen, and accepted, without demur. One man had an adopted son, old enough to please himself, who was not in the party, but his father asked the Bishop to "speak to the boy to go with me." This conversation ensued :

Bishop—"Tamma Keruk wants you to go—will you go?"

The Boy—"Do you want me to go?"

Bishop—"Yes."

Boy—"Very well, I will go,"—and the matter was closed.

It will be noted here that this young man was negotiating marriage, for the young folk have that right, and in view of his going away at the Bishop's request the girl has betrothed her-