

the generosity of Mr. W. K. Lear, a large building was temporarily provided. I had previously received from the American Tract Society in New York a quantity of small hymn and prayer books, which were placed at their disposal; and under the leadership of "Philip" and another young Fort Simpson Indian, regular Sunday services were continued to the end of the season. There was rarely a vacant seat in the building, the congregation comprising Stickeen and other Indians, miners and citizens, as well as soldiers and officers from the garrison.

From the time of my arrival at Fort Wrangel the Stickeens had constantly importuned me to induce the "Bostons" (jargon for the American people) to provide them such Mission and school privileges as were enjoyed by their neighbours, the Indians at Fort Simpson; and now these recent events awakened in them a fresh interest. Fortunately Mr. Crosby was enabled to spend a day at Wrangel early in October, and by his zeal and energy to give definiteness and vitality to the project. I joined him in calling together the merchants, other citizens of the town, and the Indians, all of whom exhibited the heartiest approval of the movement. He appealed to the assembly to make an immediate expression of its sentiment in the shape of contributions which should form the nucleus of a building fund, with the result in a few hours of a subscription list aggregating \$400 gold, more than one-third of which, as I remember,

was paid on the spot by the Indians themselves. Mr. I. C. Dennis, the collector of the port, consented to act, and remains the treasurer of this fund.

Mr. Crosby seemed certain that the Church he represented would prefer not to go outside its national territory to engage in permanent work, but was confident you would be able to induce some American Church or Missionary Society to send a proper person to Fort Wrangel to take charge of the Mission. I felt authorized to endorse this last assertion, being fully assured that all needed funds for the enterprise would be forthcoming from local sources.

There can exist no doubt of the good to follow. The all-important object is to secure at once the services of some practical man who will go among these Indians to stay as Mr. Crosby does at Simpson.

"Philip" remained at Fort Wrangel when I left there in November. During the four or five weeks immediately preceding he had conducted a day-school, upon which there were in regular attendance about sixty Indian pupils. The broken accents and uncouth surroundings, and not the lack of inclination or aptness in studies, drew the attention of visitors and distinguished this from the average common school of Eastern rural districts.

I have the honour to remain, General, respectfully your obedient servant,

S. P. JOCELYN,
Captain 21st U. S. Infantry.

CHINESE, VICTORIA.

The Chinese School, in charge of Miss Williams, is succeeding admirably. The religious interest is deepening and widening, to the great encouragement of the Sabbath-school teachers. Every Wednesday evening is devoted to a catechumen prayer-meeting, and some of the Chinamen are learning to take a practical part in this and other meetings, and give good hope of

becoming preachers of the gospel to their brethren. Though this Mission is in its infancy, yet it certainly is one of the most important in its national and prospective aspects, representing 400,000,000 of the human race. We hope the Mission Board will soon be able to devote a pastor to the urgent Mission work of this city. There are six on trial.

A. E. RUSS.