

result so far in the Philippines fills a very dark page. Look at the list : a great government gaming institution, teaching all, both young and old, rich and poor, to gamble, and placing before the people an official example of an evil life of unhealthy excitement ; trade stifled ; extortion that would make a Chinese mandarin jealous ; liberty dead ; conscience destroyed ; press muzzled ; oppression of the people ; God and righteousness unknown ; a bigoted Roman Catholicism triumphant and walking roughshod over all—this is an uninviting but true picture of this dark corner of the earth nineteen centuries after Christ came bringing light. Is this to continue forever ? Is not the light of the pure Gospel to shine here and scatter the darkness ? Is not the Word of God to be given to the people ? An attempt has been made. Four years ago the British and Foreign Bible Society sent an agent there, and with him went a converted ex-Roman Catholic priest. The latter was promptly killed, being poisoned, so it is confidently stated, by the priests ; the Bibles of the agent were confiscated, and he himself barely escaped with his life. Christ's army seems to have been defeated. No other attempt has been made. Who will avenge the Christian missionary's death by taking the Gospel of love and salvation through Christ to these who so much need such a message ? It will be a difficult and dangerous undertaking, and more than one messenger will doubtless be called upon to lay down his life for the Savior who died for the world. But such terrors have never hindered the onward march of the Church, which is a Church militant. Where are the soldiers of Christ who will go in answer to the cry for help which arises from these so long neglected, and where is the Church or missionary society that will equip and support such soldiers ?

WORK AMONG THE ESKIMOS OF CAPE PRINCE OF WALES.*

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The natives of Arctic Alaska are Eskimos, and, in most respects, differ from the Indians who inhabit the country south of them. They are not, however, unlike the Siberians, their near Asiatic neighbors, or the Finns, who, from recent ethnological researches, have been found to be allied to them.

There is every reason to believe that settlements exist all through the northern part of our country, following along the " northeast passage,"

* A great deal has been written concerning Arctic Alaska by those who have cruised in Arctic waters, and gathered what information they could from the natives that crowded on board the Government and whaling ships. Much doubtful material has also been gained from the yarns of adventurous and unscrupulous men, such as are usually the real pioneers in any new country. Also much that has been written has been so exaggerated, so colored, so overdrawn, that what follows may seem commonplace and uninteresting ; but coming from one who has "summered and wintered" in the largest known Eskimo settlement in Alaska, the words may possess, at least, the element of truth.