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school in it more than
 two weeks more. After that -
 I expect to go daily to their
 houses to teach the children
 There are 36 enrolled all
 of school age except 1 man
 There are now 50 natives at
 this place and they are
 divided into eight houses
 These houses are underground
 or half underground and
 covered with earth. In the
 center of the roof is one
 sky light which serves
 as window and smoke
 escape. Thus they cover
 with their translucent
 skin and their houses
 are not so uncomfortable
 as we thought - they would
 be. They do not burn
 a great deal of wood but burn
 mostly seal oil with moss
 for torch. This game folk
 eat and seal seems

remains in skin a narrow strip to
 keep up running. being much like fig. 124
 many say the spring trip to Plover away from
 Cape Ekstrom

Kotzebue Id.
 Alaska

Oct. 25 - 1897

My Dear Brothers and Sisters
 James & Anna, George & Sara

I rejoice in the opportunity
 of sending mail although we
 are very uncertain as to when
 it may reach you.

Q, Rock the native Seefapik
 preacher arrived here last
 Saturday and is going to

via Adak back soon and will
 take letters to that point - which
 is just for James St. Michael

Q. Rock was with us yesterday
 in his recess in which he
 don't and stayed in and the
 natives together. We have
 enlarged our tent and we
 it for school and meetings

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The brown and red little
unpleasant odor. The largest
house is about 18 x 14 ft and
the smallest about 6 x 8 ft. I
think the entrance is long
dark and small and you
must crawl in on your
hands and knees. This
is the most unpleasant part
about their houses and
but for this and their savage
dogs, visiting them in their
houses would be quite a
pleasure to me. Their dogs
I think would eat me up
if they did not protect me
from them. At least I don't
like to risk them. They let
them get hungry and they
eat like wild rothor and really
are a species of the wolf.
One home placed a large Sunday
School picture in these houses
each showing Jesus in some
of his earthly life.

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Lanning has services on Sunday
and school every day except
Sunday which I hope for a
rest day. My school session
is from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 hrs long
commencing usually about
noon. Our winter house is
very small but comfortable
and we sustain it into three
apartments at night.
The coldest time yet has
been -1° and this was not
uncomfortable unless the wind was
blowing. The sound is frozen
and spouting is fine. There has
been only slight snowfall as
yet. One home had many
beautiful warm bright days
this fall but the dark cold
days are fast approaching.
The sun rises now about
6:30 and sets about 3:30
The tent has been quite warm
most days for school but
I don't think I can have

to me we can hardly
afford to be without someone
stationed here constantly.
This would also be a good
place for reindeer we think
and the village would probably
increase with a good or
minimum school and domestic
deer. There are a number
of very nice boys and
young men who go to school
now and who I think
would be reliable to take
care of deer. Then the
Koo-wak with his sick fur
region and its many
many fine natives to
whom we were so drawn
last summer all without
teachers. Surely, we think,
someone must go to these
people another year.
At first it seemed doubtful
about the Koo-wak region but
we have a Koo-wak boy here

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5.
Then they seem to appreciate
very much, we have learned all of their
English names but have not
yet given them English names.
I have these people more than I
did those in S. S. Alaska way.
I think they are very helpful.
I think nearly all of them
would like to be Christians.
George I guess I will have no
opportunity to shoot at them
as they do not live here
but perhaps will have a chance
to shoot a waxy wolf after
while as they say they will
come around later and will
dogs and men, I suppose they
are mixed with humpers
come and stalk them cooking
and we have but two meals
each day.
My daily routine is about
this, rise about 5:30 or
at day has 15-20 breakfast

Father is very intelligent and recently another worker man has come along - we are drawn on account of his great - honest child like friendship for us. He is a noted hunter amongst them, a great stony broad faced fellow named Pinakuk. He has started to school and learns fast.

There tell us there is a large village and plenty of wood and plenty of gold a few days up the Noatak.

I think this appeal for teachers will be inevitable. I feel drawn to the neglected Noatak even more than to the Koraki and would not be at all surprised if the Lord send me amongst them sometime.

The time is flying and the

family prayers than at other, helps Robert work on some other outdoor exercise then read, study Bible every until school time or any other work I may have to do. After school we have dinner and I do the after dinner work and by that time it is dark.

On the evenings I have been practicing on the organ and making and studying this language and sometimes we enter in natives with pictures and other conversation we are able to carry on, we have sometimes talked, almost a whole evening to them.

I have made some progress on the organ and am able to teach the songs in school with it now. I am praying for 3 or 4 more workers next year, this is an excellent place

and I am not sure whether
my fault is strong enough
to bring Jesse & I near
next year or not - but
I feel sure that the board
has control of this work
and will have this story
manifested amongst these
people. We have visited all
temptations to peep into our
kennel box and packages
also - a certain number letters
which is to be opened

Thanksgiving. We have
made economy of space something
of a stick and the foot of
my bed extends some distance
under the head of Robert's and
Carrie's. I think I must
write a separate letter to Walter
and Mother as I suppose they
are at Elmwood so I will
close. I often dream about
spending a pleasant time

with you, and Robert and
Carrie often laugh at my

accounts of Orville at home.

The Lord our blessed Redeemer

keeps me full of courage

and I find in Him comfort

and satisfaction such as

this world cannot understand

May you abide in Him my

dear ones and may His

most precious Blessings be

poured out upon you.

Please greet Aunt Maggie and Uncle

Ronald and Aunt Mary and Uncle

Berry with much love from me.

Also send this to dear Amy

whenever she may be mentioned

in Iowa. I suppose

how sweet the joy of meeting at the

feet of Jesus to rejoice in His presence.

more though perhaps we shall not all

meet again on this earth. Dear Father

may we do Thy will faithfully to the

Your most loving sister, Anna H. H. H.