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Fort Wrangel, Alaska
March 20th 1877

To the:
Secretary
Y. M. C. A.
Portland Ogn.

Dear Sir:

I write you in behalf of the Indians in this Section of Alaska; Hoping you may be able to present their case to some Board, Conference or other body, who will be able and willing to assist these poor creatures in their endeavors to discern the high road to Christianity, where they may walk according to the precepts of that good Saviour of whom they have learned, but recently. About last June a party of Indians from Fort Simpson B. C. arrived at Wrangel and instituted a series of Meetings for divine worship. The Stickeens and other tribes here really know nothing of Christianity-

These Indians have patriotic ideas, have been proud to Call themselves "Boston Swashes", and glory in the possession of a "Star Spangled Banner", But they feel bad when they learn how much better off, the Indians in British Columbia are than themselves. Schools and Churches abound, and nearly all the Indians in B. C. Can read and write to some extent, and consequently appear to better advantage and do business in more of a "Smart" way than their neighbors in Alaska, This fact seems to speak much for the Christian people of Canada, and little for those of our own Glorious Republic; who yearly send so much money to Foreign Countries to Convert the heathen, while they allow our own Countrymen, who certainly ~~are to be~~ just as deserving, to go down, down to the lowest Hell for aught they seem to Care. I am not a Christian according to the Orthodox definition of the word, belong to no Church or Sect,

But am making this appeal for these poor unfortunates from the dictates of a heart, that I trust may never be deaf to the cry for help from the Heathen. And I ask you, Can not You make it one of your aims to foster and ~~encourage~~ build up a Mission in Alaska? If not, Can not You place the matter before Somebody that will? A man is needed to take the field, who is willing to work for the masters Sake. Money is needed, to ~~maintain~~ Some extent, to maintain that man in his labors. A large amount and a number of men Could be employed advantageously. A Small Sum and one whole man Can do much, and pave the way for doing much more. Will you not endeavor to aid in Sending out a Shepherd, who may Reclaim a Mighty flock from the error of their ways, And gather them to that True fold, The master of which Said "Feed my Sheep"

The doctrines taught thers far, have been those of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, I Hope ~~if~~ this letter may be considered in all Charity, blemishes ~~and defects~~ excluded, And now with faith in the justness of the cause for which I so feebly plead, I trust the matter in your hands, trusting that a brighter day may soon dawn for the poor benighted natives of Alaska.

Yours Sincerely

J. S. Brown