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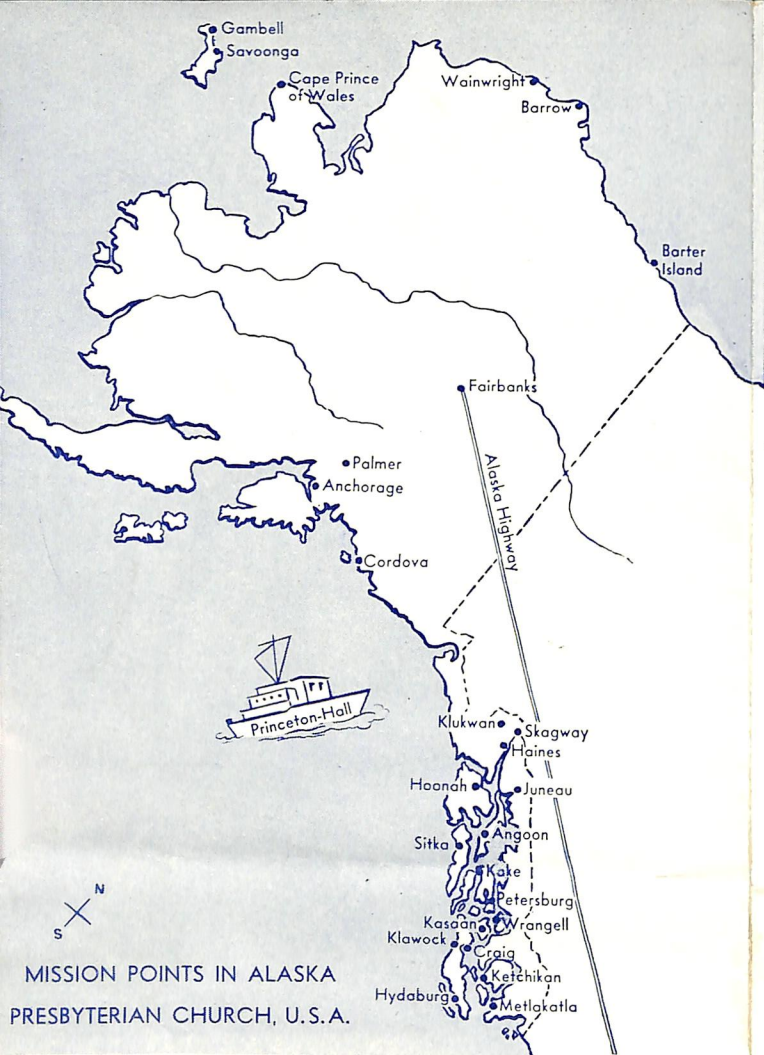
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Welcome

TO ALASKA



MISSION POINTS IN ALASKA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.

demand for church and Sunday school facilities. You will find that four of Alaska's twenty-seven Presbyterian churches are self-supporting, and the others are going ahead with mission help.

You will find Presbyterian ministers attached to churches, and others with roving commissions, serving railroad and construction crews, and Indian villages along the coast that can be reached only by sea. You will find Presbyterians in the capital of Alaska served by a Thlinget Indian pastor with a degree from a university and a theological seminary in the States. You'll find other Indian and Eskimo pastors and lay Christian leaders in other areas. You will find a group of missionaries making a cheerful home for some fifty little Indians at Haines.

Some of the things that Presbyterians have done you won't see, for the good reason that the Church did the pioneering for the government or some other agency and in due time turned the job over

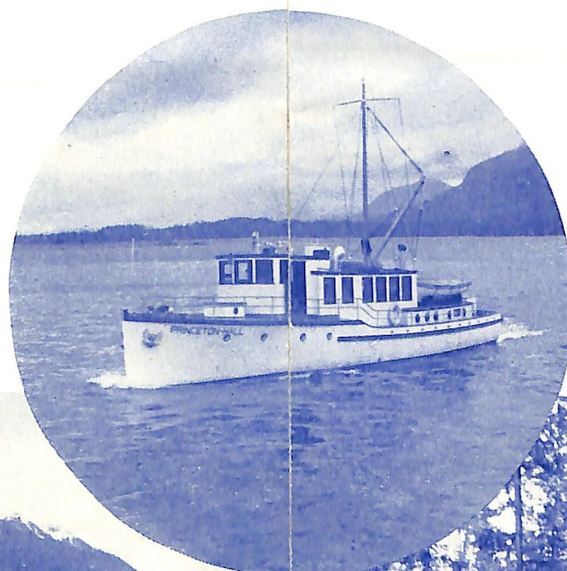
to that agency. There used to be a Presbyterian hospital at Barrow, up on the Arctic; it now is operated by the government. There was a Presbyterian hospital at Haines, that after many changes has become Haines House, the children's home. There were Presbyterian schools at Wrangell, Hoonah, Haines, and elsewhere, now maintained by the government. The need did not end; but the Church moved on.

But you will not find nearly so many ministers, teachers, children's workers, and other Christian leaders as Alaska is calling for. This is partly because the people "back home" do not know of the need and the opportunity. *You* can look for yourself, and go back and tell them. Alaska is no country for the easy-going or the conventional person. But for the man or woman, especially the young man or woman, who wants a job and a life that demand the best he's got, the Church in Alaska has the answer.

CHRONOLOGY

- 1741—Russians discover Alaska.
- 1790—Yankee ships call at Sitka. Find Greek Orthodox Church established.
- 1848—First American whalers through Bering Straits; beginning of Arctic whaling industry.
- 1864—Western Union surveys possible telegraph line to Europe via Alaska and Siberia.
- 1867—William Seward, Secretary of State under Lincoln, purchases Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000.
- 1877—Dr. Sheldon Jackson and Mrs. Amanda McFarland arrive, first Protestant missionaries.
- 1878—Dr. S. Hall Young reaches Wrangell.
- 1879—First Protestant church in Alaska organized at Wrangell.
- 1880—Sitka Training School established; now Sheldon Jackson Junior College.
- 1883—Gold discovered on the Yukon.
- 1884—Civil government established, John H. Kinkaid of Nevada appointed first Governor.
- 1884—Presbytery of Alaska organized.
- 1890—Eskimo mission opened at Barrow.
- 1892—Herd of reindeer introduced by Dr. Sheldon Jackson to save Eskimos from starvation; now important industry.
- 1897—Gold discovered in Klondike, Canada.
- 1899—Yukon Presbytery organized.
- 1915—Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines established near Fairbanks, now University of Alaska.
- 1935—Matanuska Valley settlement project.
- 1942—Japanese invasion of Aleutians.
- 1947—Faith Church, Anchorage, organized, newest Presbyterian Church in Alaska.
- 1948—Alaska Highway open to unrestricted travel.

The *Princeton-Hall* cuts smartly through the straits and channels of Southeastern Alaska on its business for the Church.

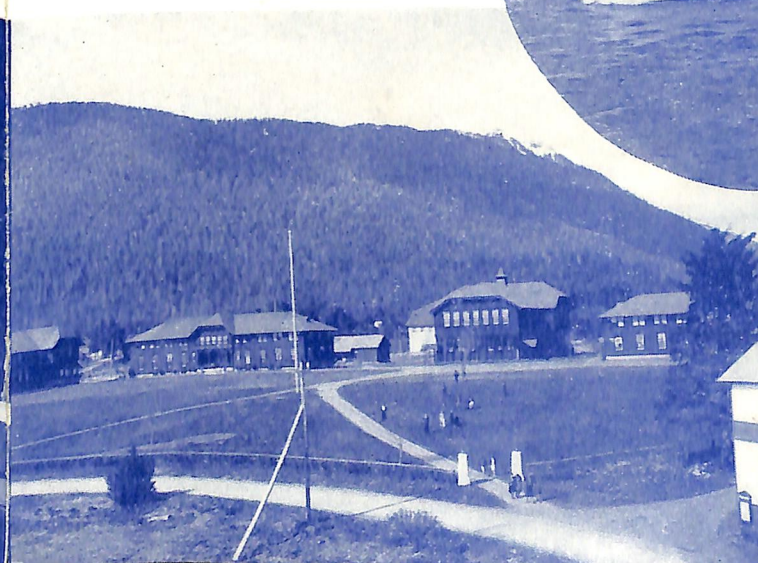


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Anywhere along the Alaskan Highway, the missionary is a welcome friend.



Sheldon Jackson Junior College, well-loved alma mater of hundreds of Alaskans.



Haines House — where many children learn the meaning of "home."



Arctic young people are now learning to read.

Presbyterian Missionaries in Alaska

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA—Founded 1884

Angoon	Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson (Mr. Andrew Gamble on leave for study)
Craig Haines	The Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson
Community Haines House	The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Fox Miss Isabel Miller and Staff
Hoonah	The Rev. and Mrs. George R. Betts
Hydaburg	The Rev. Alwin E. Gall
Juneau	
Memorial and Douglass	The Rev. and Mrs. Walter L. Soboleff
Northern Light and Auk Lake	The Rev. and Mrs. Willis R. Booth Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson
Kake	Vacant
Kasaan	
Ketchikan	The Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Freeman
Klawock	The Rev. and Mrs. B. Ross Clelland
Klukwan	Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus E. Peck
Metlakatla	The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred D. Swogger
Petersburg	The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond B. Spivey
Sitka	
First Sheldon Jackson Junior College	The Rev. and Mrs. Elwood B. Hunter Mr. W. Leslie Yaw and Staff
Skagway	The Rev. and Mrs. John K. Dodge
Wrangell	The Rev. and Mrs. George C. Crowell
Motorship Princeton-Hall	The Rev. Paul H. Prouty, General Missionary, and Mrs. Prouty Mr. George Everest, First Mate

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON—Founded 1899

Anchorage First	The Rev. and Mrs. R. Rolland Armstrong Miss M. Thelma Glenn
Faith	The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Koschmann
Barrow	The Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Lee
Barter Island	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Akootchook
Cordova	The Rev. and Mrs. Carl DeMott
Fairbanks	The Rev. and Mrs. N. Harry Champlin Miss Dorothy Nichols
Gambell, St. Lawrence Island	
Palmer and Wasilla	The Rev. and Mrs. Elmer E. Parker
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island	The Rev. and Mrs. Victor I. Alfson
Wainright	Miss Alice S. Green
Wales	The Rev. and Mrs. Roy Ahmaogak
Alaska Highway	The Rev. and Mrs. Percy Ipalook The Rev. and Mrs. Bert J. Bingle

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TO ALASKA



The log church at Palmer serves the Matanuska Valley.



The spire of Barrow Church rises significantly above the bleak Arctic wastes.

A member of the Barrow Church.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF ALASKA welcome you to the Territory. With good sourdough hospitality they say, "Cheechako, come and get acquainted!" They have a right to extend this welcome: The right of having been here for over seventy years, through turbulent and quiet periods; the right of having always stood for and led in achieving the best and highest that Alaska can attain.

You'll find these churches scattered throughout the Territory, sharing with those of other denominations the task of making Alaska Christian. In 1877, a soldier at Fort Wrangell wrote an appeal to the American churches, telling them of the misery and need of the Indians of his area. Dr. Sheldon Jackson and Mrs. Amanda McFarland responded. Shortly after that, the fort was abandoned, Dr. Jackson went back to the States for further help, and Mrs. McFarland stayed alone in the middle of a pagan, fighting community, the only law and order there was. She set standards which other pioneer women in Alaska have been living up to ever since, right down to today's G.I. brides.

Keep that name "Sheldon Jackson" in mind. Every time you see a school, you may be reminded

that this Presbyterian missionary, as first Commissioner of Education, started the school system of Alaska. You will find Sheldon Jackson Junior College in Sitka named for him—no lifeless memorial, but a campus crowded with vigorous and alive young Indians, Eskimos, and whites, getting a modern education with specifically Alaskan features in this Presbyterian mission college.

Remember S. Hall Young, too—explorer, missionary, scientist—the man who came to Alaska warned that he could not live a year, but who lived to be over eighty. That's what Alaska does for people!

You will find Presbyterian churches all the way from Metlakatla, just across the southern border, to Barrow, a few hours' flight from the North Pole. You can go almost to Siberia, and find good Eskimo Presbyterians on St. Lawrence Island, in Bering Straits; or you can go to Anchorage, Alaska's fastest-growing town, where two Presbyterian churches, along with others of many denominations, try in vain to keep up with the local