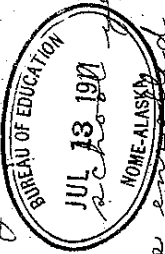


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During the year 1910-1911 there have been 36 pupils enrolled and an average of 16.6. During the last month the average attendance was 18. During the last month many of the natives were gone to Topkok sealing.

In reading the classes completed their best Readers and have used Baldwin and others as supplementary readers. They enjoyed the Heath Readers; both the illustrations and literature being good. We have tried to have the meaning brought out in every lesson; talking over and explaining each paragraph.

The classes have completed the Child's World Primer and have written the questions and answers in their note books. I have given them permission to keep these, for, in looking

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over their note books their former lessons will be brought to mind and impressed upon them.

During this year we have paid especial attention to arithmetic giving two hours of the day to that. In the primary work our textbooks have hampered us as we had only some badly worn Walsh's Pri. Arithmetics & Milner's Primary. Walsh's is a poor textbook & Milner's Primary is not fitted for the environment of the Eskimo. There is much in it that they know nothing of. To try to remedy this lack we have put much supplementary work on the board and have tried to bridge over what was lacking in the book. One boy in about 5th grade work completed this Walsh's Arithmetic and has worked 116 pages in Milner's Standard Arithmetic getting on nicely except in

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the definitions where he found the terms quite difficult.

I have had ten little beginners that have progressed nicely. It seemed to take them some time to understand any English and to realize what school meant but since they have begun to understand they have made a bright little class and progressed nicely in reading, writing and spelling. When the Eskimo really wakes up it is very interesting work guiding him in his attempts to learn.

When Mr. Hawkesworth was here one of the things he advised was the use of pen & ink. It never having been used in school here and there being no ink wells we purchased one-half dozen bottles of ink. Two or three children used one bottle. They enjoyed using pen and

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nik for it gave their work more dignity in their eyes. But for a time their writing suffered as pens in their hands proved rather unruly.

The girls have made ten towels from the croch furnished by the Bureau. They also made six aprons for work in the cooking classes. Before Christmas they made one hundred sacks for candy for their Christmas entertainment. 347 loaves of bread and biscuits have been made. The natives are improving in their desire for cleanliness. One of the oldest men in the village was here one washing day and was much interested frequently saying "Ahire gal". Soon he came borrowing tub and washboard and now his family's appearance is much improved.

This year the boys have put a much needed ventilator in the school room. They have made

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a cup board for the living room, sandpapering and staining it. Also they have made three nicely finished wall cupboards for their use at home. The lumber used for this came partly from the lumber furnished by the Bureau and partly from old boxes. They have made in addition to these three good pointers, saws for their gunnery and boxes with fitted lids. The reindeer apprentices have remade three sleds while in school. The sleds being in a ruined state had to nearly all be made new. One boy worked up the birch logs making them into symmetrical, nicely fashioned and finished sled pieces. Two of the school boys also repaired their mother's sleds doing careful neat work. Tuning may four of the boys helped in planting garden.

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During November there were many cases of lagrip among the natives, fifteen being sick at one time, but all recovered with the exception of one aged woman who had had tubercularosis for some years. On June 20th one of the men in searching for eggs fell from the cliff down on hard ice probably fifty feet below. By the time he was gotten home he was delirious, talking wildly, moaning and tossing with pain. I saw that something must be done at once. After seeing that no linba were broken and giving him quieting medicine and having hot compresses applied, I phoned to the Doctor at Candide for advice. Dr. Newson was then at the head and could not be reached quickly. The Eskimo died six hours after from internal hemorrhage. In December

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during Dr. Newson's absence one woman was poisoned by eating decaying meat. Her fever ran to 105° and I then phoned to Candie asking medical advice. She recovered though it took much work and effort on our part as it was a very tedious case.

Respectfully submitted

Fannie S. Newson.

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347 Loaves of Bread.
8 Pringer Cakes
12 Kettles Beans cooked
8 " " Rice "
4 Dresses Made
6 Aprons "
10 Towels "
100 Candy Sacks
Mittens Wristers
1 China Cupboard
3 Wall Cupboards
3 Poniere
Ramrods
Ventilator for School room.
5 Slide Ramade.
Garden planted

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