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Kotzebue Alaska  
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Dear Mr Evans,

I arrived here last night, after a journey of only two days. Mrs. Gooden is left in charge for a short time. I seem to have worn out nervously again so I thought a camping trip would do me good. Most of our people have gone to Tappah.

I have just finished a letter to Marshal Evans, concerning the Saplancers and the Japanku. They were drunk in the village last week, and caused disturbance. As far as I could find out they had no whiskey in the village.

A few of them went out after them. In a few days they were passing and I asked Mr. Gooden to call

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need training.

The longer I stay with the work, the more I see to be done. I am already planning for next year. One thing sure I am going to have more English spoken in the school room and less Eskimo.

I did not give you the Eskimo's girl's address, that I wanted for assistant. Miss Iva Kenworthy, Chemawa, Ore.

Truly, I regret that you paid board when visiting the school and in a gov. building. I am sure I appreciated your coming and helpfulness.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

Yours very truly,  
Bertha S. Cox

P.S. The Japanese says that he will sell his house for forty five dollars. I suggested to him that half was sufficient.

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them in, but they would not come. I then kindly sent them word to please leave the village but they paid no attention. I asked the Marshal if he could do nothing in an official way to please write them a letter of warning. The Laplanders I mean.

About a week after you left, I found one of my gov. stakes down. Upon investigating I found the stake in our neighbor's tent. The children had pulled it up. Judge Knepper was visiting us and he kindly marked all of them, so I hardly think they will be tampered with.

I am sure you will be glad to know that the tube in the school-room is cemented and enclosed.

One dog was chasing the deer as the boys started away the other day. I told two of schoolboys

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to take their guns and shoot it. They shot over it so when it came into the village I ordered a chain put on the dog and brought to the school house. I proposed to keep it until the owner made, (native chain or else have him kill it.

Mr. Gooden thought it unwise and thought we would get into trouble.

Kindly advise me. I hardly know what to do. I do not want to be indiscrete, I am sure. The native got a chain. It seems to be a great relief to be able to write you my experiences. I do hope that I do not tire you.

While Rev. Knapp was with us, we discussed the present site of the Eskimo village at Candle. He says that he thinks it would be most undesirable for a school as in the summer, all the village is covered with water. He suggested a flat a half mile above Candle or below.