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NOTE.

These hymns have grown out of Christian work among the Indians. They repeat often, because they are intended chiefly for Indians who cannot read, and hence must memorize them; but as soon as they learn to read, they sing in English. It will be noticed that often two syllables must be sung to one note, as in the first word in No. 9, *nika* is sung to the first note of "Happy Land," and in No. 2, in the first line, *skookum* is sung to one note. The chief peculiarity which I have noticed in making hymns in this language is, that a large proportion of the words are often two syllables, and a large majority of these have the accent on the second syllable, which renders it almost impossible to compose any hymns in long, common or short metres.

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No. 1.

Tune, "John Brown."

1. Jesus chaco kopa Saghalie,
Repeat twice.
 Jesus hias kloshe.
 Jesus wawa kopa tillikums,
Repeat twice.
 Jesus hias kloshe.
2. Jesus wawa wake kliminwhit,
 Jesus hias kloshe.
 Jesus wawa wake kapswalla,
 Jesus hias kloshe.
3. Kopa nika Jesus mimaloose,
 Jesus hias kloshe.
 Jesus klatawa kopa Saghalie,
 Jesus hias closhe.
4. Alta Jesus mitlite kopa Saghalie,
 Jesus hias kloshe.
 Yahwa Jesus tikegh nika klatawa,
 Jesus hias kloshe.

TRANSLATION.

1. Jesus came from Heaven,
Jesus is very good.
Jesus taught the people,
Jesus is very good.
2. Jesus said, do not lie,
Jesus is very good.
Jesus said, do not steal,
Jesus is very good.
3. For me Jesus died,
Jesus is very good.
Jesus went to heaven,
Jesus is very good.
4. Now Jesus lives in Heaven,
Jesus is very good,
There Jesus wishes me to go,
Jesus is very good.

No. 2.

Tune, "Jesus Loves Me."

1. Kwanésun Jesus hias skookum,
 Repeat twice.
 Kahkwa yaha papeh wawa—

Chorus—

Delate, nawitka—

Repeat twice.

Kahkwa yaka papeh wawa.

2. Jesus kumtuk nika tumtum,
 Kahkwa, etc.

Chorus.

3. Jesus nanitch konoway kah,
 Kahkwa, etc.

 FOR SUNDAY.

No. 3.

Tune, "Come to Jesus."

1. Chaco yakwa
 Repeat twice.
 Okoke sun,
 Repeat once.
 Chaco yakwa
 Repeat once.
 Okoke sun.
2. Halo mamook
 Okoke sun.
3. Halo cooley
 Okoke sun.
4. Iskum wawa
 Okoke sun.
5. Saghalie Tyee
 Yaka sun.

TRANSLATION.

1. Always Jesus is very strong,
So his paper (the Bible) says—
Truly, yes—
So his paper says.
2. Jesus knows my mind,
So, etc.
3. Jesus sees everywhere,
So, etc.

TRANSLATION.

1. Come here, *i. e.* to church,
To-day.
2. Do not work
To-day.
3. Do not play
To-day.
4. Get the talk
To-day.
5. God (it is)
His day (or, It is God's day).

WHISKEY.

No. 4. *Tune, "Bounding Billows."*

1. Ahnkuttie nika tikegh whiskey,

Repeat twice.

Pe alta nika mash—

Alta nika mash.

Repeat.

Ahnkuttie nika tikegh whiskey,

Repeat twice.

Pe alta nika mash.

2. Whiskey hias cultus,

Pe alta, etc.

3. Whiskey mimoluse tillikums,

Pe alta, etc.

4. Cultus klaska muckamuck,

Pe alta, etc.

WHISKEY.

No. 5. *Tune, "A, B, C," etc.*

1. Spose nesika muckamuck whiskey,
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- Whiskey muckamuck nesika dolla.

Spose nesika muckamuck whiskey,
Whiskey muckamuch nesika dolla.*Repeat twice.*Spose nesika muckamuck whiskey,
Whiskey muckamuck nesika dolla.

2. Spose nesika muckamuck whiskey,
-
- Whiskey muckamuck nesika iktas.

Repeat as above.

3. Spose nesika muckamuck whiskey,
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- Whiskey muckamuck nesika wind.

4. Spose nesika muckamuck whiskey,
-
- Whiskey muckamuck nesika tumtum.

TRANSLATION.

1. Formerly I loved whiskey,
But now I throw it away—
Now I throw it away.
2. Whiskey is good for nothing,
And now I, etc.
3. Whiskey kills people,
And now, etc. [worthless,
4. They who drink it, drink what is
And now, etc.

TRANSLATION.

1. If we drink whiskey,
Whiskey will eat up our money.
2. If we drink whiskey, [clothes especially].
Whiskey will eat up our things, *i. e.*
3. If we drink whiskey,
Whiskey will eat up our lives.
4. If we drink whiskey,
Whiskey will eat up our souls.

GOD'S OMNISCIENCE.

No. 6.

Tune, "Harwell."

1. Saghalie Tyee, yaka seahost
 Nanitch skookum konway kah.
 Repeat both lines

Chorus—

Pe wake kunjik nika ipsoot
 Kopa yaka seahost.
 Repeat both lines.

2. Kah kopet ikt tillikum mitlite,
 Yahwa yaka seahost.
Chorus.
3. Kah kopet ikt man kapswalla,
 Yahwa yaka seahost.
Chorus.
4. Kah ikt man kliminiwhit wawa,
 Yahwa, etc.
Chorus.
5. Kah ikt tillikum muckamuck whiskey,
 Yahwa, etc.
Chorus.
6. Kah hiyu polaklie mitlite
 Yahwa, etc.
Chorus.
7. Kopa nika tuantum kwanesum,
 Yahwa, etc.
Chorus.

TRANSLATION.

1. God's eyes
See strong everywhere ;
And never can I be concealed
From His eyes.
2. Where there is only one person,
There are his eyes.
3. Where only one man steals,
There are his eyes.
4. Where one man tells lies,
There are his eyes.
5. Where one person drinks whiskey,
There, etc.
6. Where it is very dark,
There, etc.
7. In my mind always,
There, etc.

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No. 7.

Tune, "Hebrew Children."

1. Kah, O kah, mitlite Noah alta?

Repeat twice.

Siah kopa kloshe illahee.

Chorus—

Alki nesika klatawa nanicht,

Repeat twice.

Siah kopa kloshe illahee.

2. Kah, O kah mitlite Joseph alta?

Siah, kopa kloshe illahee.

Chorus.

3. Kah, O kah mitlite Moses alta?

Siah, etc.

Chorus.

4. Kah, O kah mitlite David alta?

5. Kah, O kah mitlite Elijah alta?

6. Kah, O kah mitlite Elisha alta?

7. Kah, O kah mitlite Jonah alta?

8. Kah, O kah mitlite Daniel alta?

9. Kah, O kah mitlite Lydia alta?

10. Kah, O kah mitlite Timothy alta?

11. Kah, O kah mitlite Jesus alta?

TRANSLATION.

1. Where, O where is Noah now?
Far off in the good land.
After a while we will go and see them,
Far off in the good land.
2. Where, O where is Joseph now?
Far off in the good land.
3. Where, O where is Moses now?
4. Where, O where is David now?
And so forth.

HEAVEN.

No. 8.

Tune, "Greenville."

1. Kopa Saghalië konoway tillikums
Halo olo, halo sick,
Wake kliminwhit, halo kolleks,
Halo pahtlum, halò cly.

Chorus—

Jesus mitlite kopa Saghalië
Kunamoxt konoway tillikums kloshe.

2. Yahwa tillikums wake klahowya,
Wake sick tumtum, halo till,
Halo mimoluse, wake mesachie,
Wake polaklie, halo cole.

Chorus.

3. Yahwa tillikums mitlite kwanesum,
Hiyu houses, hiyu sing;
Papa, mama, pe kloshe tenas;
Ovacut yaka chicamin pil.

Chorus.

4. Jesus potlatch kopa siwash,
Spose mesika, hias kloshe,
Konoway iktas mesika tikègh
Kopa Saghalië kwanesum.

Chorus.

TRANSLATION.

1. In Heaven all the people
Are not hungry, are not sick;
They do not tell lies, do not become angry;
They do not become drunk, do not cry.
Jesus lives in Heaven,
Together with all good people.
2. There the people are not poor,
Have no sorrow, are not tired;
They do not die, are not wicked;
There is no darkness, no cold.
3. There the people live always; [singing;
There are many houses, and much
There is father, mother and good
The street is of gold. [children;
4. Jesus will give to the Indians,
If you are very good,
Everything you wish,
In Heaven, always.

No. 9.

Tune, "Happy Land."

1. Nika mitlite yahwa alta
Kopa illahee.
Wake lala nika halo
Kopa illahee.
Kah nika klatawa,
Nika lala halo kumtuks;—
Klale nika tumtum kopa
Siah illahee.
2. Saghalie Tyee mitlite siah
Kopa Saghalie.
Yaka tikegh nika klatawa
Kopa Saghalie.
Spose nika kloshe yahwa,
Halo mamook cultus ikta,
Yaka tikegh nika klatawa
Kopa Saghalie.
3. Kloshe tillikums mitlite siah
Kopa Saghalie.
Cultus tillikums mitlite keekwilee
Kopa hias piah.
Kopet, spose nika kloshe,
Mash-mesachie konoway,
Delate okoke Tyee
Lolo nika yahwa.

TRANSLATION.

1. I live here now,
 On the earth.
Not long shall I be gone
 From the earth.
Where I shall go,
For a long time I did not know;—
Dark was my mind about
 The far off land.
2. God lives far off
 In Heaven.
He wishes me to go
 To Heaven.
If I am good here,
And do nothing wrong,
He will wish me to go
 To Heaven.
3. Good people live far off
 In Heaven.
Bad people live below
 In the great fire.
Only if I am good,
Throw away everything bad,
Truly this God
 Will carry me there.

PRAYER.

No. 10.

Tune, "March Along Together."

1. Saghalie Tyee potlatch

Iktas kopa nika.

Repeat both lines.

Nika mahsie yaka.

*Repeat.**Chorus—*

Kopa nesika yaka tumtum kloshe.

Repeat.

2. Spose nesika tikegh

Mash mesachie tumtum,

Repeat as in first verse.

Nika wawa Jesus.

Chorus—

Kopa, etc.

3. Spose nesika tikegh

Tumtum kahkwa Jesus,

Nika wawa Jesus.

Chorus.

4. Jesus tikegh nika

Wawa yaka kwaneseum,

Nika wawa Jesus.

Chorus.

TRANSLATION.

1. God gives
Things to me.
I thank Him. [us].
To us His mind is good (or, He loves
2. If we wish
To throw away our wicked hearts,
I will pray (talk) to Jesus.
3. If we wish
Hearts like Jesus,
I will pray to Jesus.
4. Jesus wishes me
To pray to Him always.
I will pray to Jesus.

FOR FUNERALS.

No. 11.

Tune, "Talmar."

1. Konoway tillikums mimoluse by by.
By by nika mimoluse.
Halo mimoluse nika tumtum;
Kopet nika mimoluse.
2. Kah nesika tumtum klatawa,
Spouse nesika mimoluse?
Klonass yahwa kopa Saghalie;
Klonass kopa hias piah.
3. Nika tikegh kopa Saghalie.
Yahwa konoway tillikums kloshe.
Kunamoxt Jesus klaska mitlite.
Jesus skookum kwanesum.
4. Jesus, help nesika alta!
Nesika tumtum mamook kloshe!
Lolo nesika kopa Saghalie,
Spouse nesika mimoluse!

TRANSLATION.

1. All people will die by and by.
By and by I will die.
My soul will not die;
Only I (*i. e.* my body) will die.
2. Where will our minds (souls) go,
If we die ?
Perhaps there to Heaven;
Perhaps to the great fire.
3. I wish to go to Heaven.
There are all good people.
With Jesus they dwell.
Jesus always very strong.
4. Jesus help us now !
Make our minds good !
Carry us to Heaven
When we die.

FOR CHILDREN.

No. 12. *Tune, "We Are Coming, Blessed Saviour."*

1. Ahnkuttie Jesus kopa illahee.—

Yaka chaco kahkwa tenas.

Repeat both lines.

Chorus—

Kopa konoway tenas alta

Yaka tumtum hias kloshe.

Repeat both lines.

2. Kahkwa yaka mama wawa,

Kwanesum yaka hyak mamook.

Repeat as above.

Chorus—

Kopa, etc.

3. Kopa yaka lemah ahnkuttie

Yaka lolø hiyu tenas.

Chorus.

4. Kopa okoke tenas ahnkuttie

Yaka potlatch wawa kloshe.

Chorus.

TRANSLATION.

1. Formerly Jesus (was) on the earth.—
He came as a child.

Chorus.

To all children now
His mind is very good.

2. As his mother said,
So he always quickly did.

3. In his arms formerly
He carried many children.

4. To those children formerly
He gave good talk (or advice).

No. 13. *Tune, "Silently" ("Golden Wreath").*

1. Okoke kloshe ! okoke kloshe !
 Nika wawa kopa Jesus.
Repeat both lines.
 Kopa nika mesachie mamook
 Nika tumtum hyas sick.
 Okoke kloshe ! okoke kloshe !

2. Okoke kloshe ! okoke kloshe !
 Nika mash mesachie tumtum.
Repeat both lines.
 Kopa nika mesachie, etc.

3. Okoke kloshe ! okoke kloshe !
 Nika tikegh tumtum t'kope.
Repeat both lines.
 Kopa, etc.

4. Okoke kloshe ! okoke kloshe !
 Jesus, wash nesika tumtum.
Repeat both lines.
 Kopa, etc.

TRANSLATION.

1. This is good ! this is good !
I will talk (or pray) to Jesus.
About my wicked deeds
My mind is very sorry.

2. This is good ! this is good !
I will throw away my wicked heart.

3. This is good ! this is good !
I wish a white heart.

4. This is good ! this is good !
Jesus wash our hearts.

CHRIST'S POWER.

No. 14.

Tune, "Jesus Loves Me."

1. Kwanesum Jesus hyas skookum,
Repeat twice.

Kahkwa yaka papeh wawa,—

Chorus—

Delate nawitka,—

Repeat twice.

Kahkwa yaka papeh wawa.

2. Jesus tolo kopa chuck,
Repeat as above.

Kahkwa, etc.

See Matt 14:25.

3. Jesus tolo kopa wind, etc.
Mark 4:39.

4. Jesus tolo kopa mesachie, etc.

5. Jesus tolo kopa Lejaub.
Matt. 4:10, 11.

6. Jesus tolo kopa mimoluse.
Matt. 23:6.

TRANSLATION.

1. Always Jesus is very strong,
So his paper (the Bible) says,—
Truly so,—
So his paper says.
2. Jesus conquered the water.
3. Jesus conquered the wind.
4. Jesus conquered the wickedness.
5. Jesus conquered the devil.
6. Jesus conquered death.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Nesika Papa klaksta mitlite kopa Saghalie,
Our Father who lives in the Above,

kloshe mika nem kopa konoway kah.
good thy name over everywhere.

Kloshe spose mika chaco delate Tyee kopa
Good if thou become true Chief over

konoway tillikums. Klash spose mika
all people. Good if thy

tumtum mitlite kopa illahee, kahkwa kopa
mind is on the earth, as in

Saghalie. Potlatch kopa nesika kopa okoke
the Above. Give to us during this

sun nesika muckamuck. Mamook klahowya
day our food. Pity

nesika kopa nesika mesachie mamook,
us for our wickedness,

kahkwa nesika mamook klahowya klaksta
 as we pity any

man spose yaka mamook mesachie kopa
 man if he does evil to

nesika. Wake mika lolo nesika kopa kah
 us Not thou carry us to where

mesachie mitlite; pe spose mesachie klap
 evil is; but if evil find

nesika, klose mika help nesika toto okoke
 us good thou help us conquer that

mesachie. Delate konoway illahee mika
 evil. Truly all earth thy

illahee, pe mika hias skokum, pe mika delate
 earth, and thou very strong, and thou truly

hias kloshe, kahkwa nesika tikegh konoway
 very good, so we wish all

okoke. Kloshe kahkwa.

this. Good so.

A BLESSING BEFORE MEALS.

O Saghalie Tyee, nesika Papa, nesika
 O God our Father, we
 wawa mashie kopa mika, mika potlatch
 say thanks to thee, thou hast given
 kopa nesika okoke muckamuck. Kloshe
 to us this food. Good
 spose mika kwanesum potlatch kopa nesika
 if thou always wilt give to us
 muckamuck. Kloshe spose mika potlatch
 food. Good if thou wilt give
 mika wawa kopa nesika, kahkwa muckamuck
 thy words to us as food
 kopa tumtum. Help nesika tumtum chaco
 to the mind. Help our mind's become
 kloshe. Kopa Jesus nesika tikegh konoway
 good. Through Jesus we wish all
 okoke. Kloshe kahkwa.
 this. Good so.

