

thought it best to make the hospital in every sense a public one, and hope for continued assistance from both Local and Federal Governments. The W. M. S. is pledged to the support of a trained nurse, and we hope to have one installed by May, when we expect to open at Port Essington, as last year, for the salmon season. From various parts of the country have come donations of bedding, etc., so that in that line we are pretty well supplied.

But we yet need about five hundred dollars to complete the building, and as much more to furnish it, besides some of the running expenses which are not assured. We are looking to friends of missions to make up these sums, and I trust there are some who have not yet helped who will see their way clear to do so at this crisis. I am sure the cause is a worthy one. No call from across the sea is loud enough to drown the cry of those of our own land who need healing for body and soul. The Indian may be numerically vanishing, physically degenerated, and morally non-aspiring—he is still our neighbor scripturally and geographically, and as such shall we give him a few crumbs from our table? Nay, the good Samaritan's way, the Saviour's way, is to make real self-denying sacrifice for his good. Who will give us five hundred dollars to finish the building and have the privilege of naming it?

It is reported that la grippe is prevalent among the tribes scattered along the west coast, and about the north end of Vancouver Island, and that in some parts they are dying by scores without any missionary to alleviate their suffering, or brighten their dying hours. It is painful not to be able to extend aid to them. La grippe has not visited us up north this winter, but we have had an unusually severe epidemic of whooping cough, which in the Indian children has been accompanied in many cases by capillary bronchitis, which often proves fatal in weakened constitutions, and in subjects of inherited disease. Fifteen of these cases were fatal, including two in the *Girls' Home*.

My total attendances in 1891 amounted to 7960, the number of different cases was 2905. About one-half of these were residents of Port Simpson, the others having their homes all the way from Alaska in the north to Bella Bella in the south, and from the Q. C. Islands in the west to as far east as Babine Lake. We never lack here for opportunity to do good, there are so many suffering ones to relieve, ignorant to instruct, heathen to enlighten, young to teach and warn against temptations, and tremendous evil influences to oppose and repress. All in the field need the prayers and sympathy of those at home. May God enable each one to see that it is his duty and privilege to help in this work.

"AN EXTRA-CENT-A-DAY BAND."

LAST month we received information of a new organization, with the above unique title, and wrote to the pastor of Picton First for further particulars. He handed the letter to the lady who had been instrumental in forming the Band, Mrs. J. Anning—who sends the following reply:—

PICTON, ONT., Feb. 11th, 1892.

REV. DR. SUTHERLAND,

DEAR SIR,—Dr. McDiarmid, our pastor, sent me your enquiry concerning our "Extra-Cent-a-Day Band." As I, naturally, know more about it than he, I will do my best to explain our little work. About fifteen months ago I saw in the *Montreal Witness* a letter from Mr. Wallace, of Belleville, recommending the plan of the "Extra-Cent-a-Day" to the churches. He said the Baptist congregation in that city had raised enough in a year to support a native worker in

India for a year, and if every Christian in Canada would give an extra-cent-a-day for the maintenance and extension of the foreign mission work, the handsome sum of four million dollars would be annually realized. A striking example of the power of littles. I cut out the paragraph and put it in my purse, and at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, read it in the interval allowed for new business. It met the approval of four or five at once, and I hoped the society would take it up. However, nothing definite was done, and at the second meeting, as I did not like to have it drop, permission was given me to do the best I could with it, independently of the regular work. I began by making calls. After the visiting was pretty thoroughly done, we gave an afternoon tea in our home to the members of the "Band," as we came to call it. About twenty-five were present. We had a pleasant, social time, varied with readings on the Chinese mission work—we decided, when organizing, to gather this money for China—and at the close each lady provided herself with a mite-box for her systematic savings.

In January, just past, we met again; this time to count our gains, as well as instruct ourselves concerning the land of their destination. The money realized filled us with congratulation and joy, it was \$123.20. I may say the membership consists largely of the ladies of the auxiliary, with the important addition of a number who had never been persuaded into the general society. We have had great pleasure in it, and I am sure many others would, in every town, if the ball were but set rolling. As we are leaving Picton this year, Mrs. W. Philp will continue the work, with, I trust, increasing interest.

SELF SUPPORT.

THE Missionary Committee of the Manitoba Conference is keeping steadily in view the duty of Home Missions to become self-supporting at the earliest possible date. At the last meeting of the Committee the following resolution was adopted:

In view of the large grants made to Missions in the North-West Territory, it was

Resolved,—That whereas a number of fields, especially in the western portions of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, have shown but very slow development in the line of self support; and whereas, so far as this Board can judge, the circumstances of our congregations are improving, admitting of more liberal support of the cause of God than is forthcoming; therefore, this Committee strongly, yet respectfully, urge upon our people the cultivation of a more liberal spirit.

In order to give effect to this resolution it is desirable that the Secretary of this Committee furnish the Chairmen of Districts with copies hereof for distribution where they are likely to do good.

This is a move in the right direction, and is worthy of imitation in other Conferences.

HOW THEY DID IT.

THE question, "How can we interest children and young people in missionary work?" admits of many answers. No single method will cover the ground. A wise guide of children will use any and every means that will tend to create an intelligent interest in missionary work, but especially such as by