

The Indians at Burrard Inlet are exposed to a great many temptations, and we feel sorry to report that our little church at that place has been almost swept away during the winter. However, we expect to see the little cause built up again shortly. Members, 122.

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The year just closed has been one of great mercy. We had to part with the youngest member of our family, our little daughter of eighteen months, which tried us much. Yet I trust our hearts have been drawn nearer to the "sympathising Jesus" and to His blessed work. A number of Indians have died, some of them very happy.

There is a marked improvement in all departments of our work here; and we labour on with the hope that these poor people will be further built up in the faith of the Gospel.

Our schools, both day and Sunday-school, have been well attended, the latter becoming more and more interesting. Besides the meeting in church for the grown people, the children have been taught in the school-house by Mrs. Crosby and our teacher, with a staff of assistants. Also, at the close of the Sunday-school proper, we have a staff of teachers, ten in number, who go to different houses in the village, where they gather together the old people and give them simple instruction; so that if there has been any very old or sick who cannot get to church, the Word is taken to them on the Lord's day; thus every one in the village attends Sunday-school at one time or another.

Our zealous teacher, Miss Knott, was taken from us to another sphere of usefulness; and a young man, Mr. Robinson, has filled her place well during the winter. And now we welcome Miss Lawrance, from Ontario, to that work.

We have had of late tokens of good—indeed, times of refreshing, especially at the outposts—but we long for spiritual showers.

All the means of grace are well attended when the people are at home—notably the class and prayer-meetings are blessed means of grace to the people. My visits to the outposts were never accompanied by so much apparent danger as they have been during the past winter, and yet a loving Father's care has been over us, and we have been much blessed in those efforts to take the bread of life to others.

We are doing what we can at the building of a new school-house, but as our people are poor, and their little means about exhausted in building their new houses, they find it difficult to give much just now. We hope, however, to have another subscription towards this object in the fall.

Our little church at Kit-a-mat has been completed, and a bell put in it, to the great joy of the people there. The work there is doing well under a native teacher. Several of the heathen have been brought to Christ. Thirty members are enrolled, mostly on trial.

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