

side of Vancouver Island as the place in which to begin his work. He was assisted at first by his sister, by Miss Minnes and by Mr. A. McKee. The deaths of Miss McDonald and of Miss E. Lister, who at a later day became Matron, and the enforced resignation of Mr. McDonald, on account of ill-health, cast a gloom over the early history of the mission. Mr. M. Swartout has succeeded Mr. McDonald and Miss Bella Johnston has taken the place of Miss Lister. An Industrial School has been opened which recently reported an attendance of twenty, and there are urgent appeals from the Indians and the missionaries for a further extension of the work.

PREACHING AND TEACHING.

In all these missions there are two departments, the evangelistic and the educational. In the line of the former work the minister preaches at first through an interpreter but as soon as he has mastered the language, even imperfectly, by direct communication. He visits the people and talks with them in their homes, prescribes for their maladies the simple remedies with which the Government provides him, warms their shivering bodies with the clothing sent by kind hearted ladies, feeds them often from his own table, and in all ways endeavors to set before them the attractiveness of the gospel of the Grace of God. In the schools the children are gathered and weaned away, as much as possible, from the filthy and debasing influences of their *teepee* life. They are taught, besides the elements of Christian truth, to read and write, the girls to knit and sew and keep house, and the boys to care for cattle, till the ground, and, in some cases, they are trained in the elements of a trade. All these schools receive Government grants: the day schools to the amount of \$300 per annum, the boarding schools to the amount of \$72 per pupil per annum and the Government school at Regina, in consideration of more advanced teaching, \$120 per pupil per annum.