

INDIAN MISSIONS ON THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST.*



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NEVER, we think, have the triumphs of mission work been more marked and marvellous than in the case of the Indian missions on the North Pacific coast. Previous articles of this MAGAZINE, † from the accomplished pen of Mr. J. E. McMillan, have

given an account of the origin of that work, the main features of which we here briefly recapitulate:

It was not till the year 1864 that the Canadian Methodist Church fairly entered upon the work of Indian evangelization in British Columbia. In that year the Rev. Thomas Crosby began his great life-work as a lay teacher at Nanaimo. With the facility begotten by enthusiasm, he rapidly acquired the native dialect, and was soon able to preach to the Indians in their own tongue. Here and among the pagan tribes on the banks of the majestic Frazer, he proclaimed the emancipating message of the cross, and many converts to the Christian faith,

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