

from time to time. By the use of a considerable number of "inset" pages, we have, during the last year, added about fifty pages to the reading matter of the MAGAZINE. By using slightly thinner leads we will get more lines in a page and thus add about fifty pages more of reading matter during the next year. A large number of the engravings of the forthcoming volumes will be superior to any we have ever published. The announcement in our advertising pages indicates only part of the good things in store for our readers during 1887.

The illustrated articles by the Marquis of Lorne, who still maintains his deep interest in Canada, on Canadian Life and Enterprise, and on the Canadian Pacific Railway, will be of great and permanent value.

We are under great obligation to the ministers to whose kind co-operation in promoting the circulation of this MAGAZINE its success is so largely due. We confidently expect their continued good-will and help to secure a large increase in the number of our patrons for the forthcoming volumes.

INDIAN MISSIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The history of the Indian missions of the Methodist Church on the Pacific Coast is one of the most remarkable in missionary annals. Of this we were strongly reminded as we visited, in the city of Victoria, the neat and commodious Indian chapel, whose cost was, to a considerable extent, defrayed by the Indians themselves. In the presence of Mrs. Deix, one of the principal agents in promoting this work, we heard its story recounted by Bro. McKay, one of its faithful helpers for many years.

The first Indian mission services in the city were held in a whiskey saloon hired for the purpose. There came one night to the door Mrs. Deix, then a pagan chiefess; but her antagonism to Christianity would not allow her to enter. At length her prejudice was overcome, she

attended the services and was soon soundly converted. From that hour the burden of her prayers was that her pagan son and his wife, six hundred miles up the coast, might be brought to Victoria that they also might be converted. Contrary to all human expectation they came with a score of kinsfolk in midwinter to Victoria. But her faith was subjected to another trial. They refused to attend the Christian worship, and mocked at her religious convictions. The power of Christian song and Christian testimony, however, overcame their prejudices, and soon the son and wife and many more were converted, among them the David Salasaton, who all too soon wore out his young life in fervent preaching the new joys of salvation among the northern tribes. Dr. Punshon, who listened with delight to his burning words, declared him to be one of the most eloquent speakers he ever heard.

From this apparently inadequate beginning has come, in the providence of God, the wonderfully successful Indian missions at Port Simpson, Bella-Bella, Bella-Coola and Naas River, with their hundreds of converted Indians and transformed villages where Christian prayer and praise have succeeded the pagan orgies of savage tribes.

Mrs. Deix, who is still a woman in the prime of life, and of great energy of character, at the service we had the privilege to attend, related in fervent words her Christian experience—first in English, then, as her heart warmed, in her native tongue; and was followed in like manner by several others. The singing was a special feature. In rich sweet voices and with a tear-compelling pathos, they sang in their own tongue the familiar tunes, "Rescue the Perishing," "Ring the Bells of Heaven," and "Shall we Gather at the River."

Few things exhibit stronger evidence of the transforming power of Divine grace than the contrast between the Christian life and character of these converted Indians and the squalor and wretchedness of the still pagan Indians on the reserve near the city.