

News which fills our hearts with devout gratitude has reached us.— The Woman's Missionary Society has again regarded the work of the Kitamaat Home with favor and voted a substantial grant; enabling us once more to demonstrate the truth of our motto to JEHOVAH—JIREH. We sincerely wish some of the ladies of the W. M. S. could visit Kitamaat, and see what a noble work they are doing by sustaining it.

C. Todd Esq. Indian Agent North West Coast Agency, paid an official visit to our village last Nov. He held a council with all the people; after which inspected the school examined the register, and in a brief address to the children, expressed himself pleased with their industry and neatness. He commended the work of the Home.

The Methodist Missionary Society has now possession of a very fine property here. It consists of a commodious church, comfortable mission-house, and school-house, all comparatively new. The dimensions of the school (built last summer) are length 80 ft., breadth 18 ft., posts 12 ft. Cottage roof, rustic outside, single-dressed cedar lining.

In October the Superintendent of this mission took three Indians and made a canoe journey to Hartley Bay an appointment of the mission 50 miles distant from Kitamaat. What the Indians call the Hammer wind caught the canoe, and in spite of close reefed sail shelter had to be sought.

A pleasant time was spent with the people who were at the village. All were visited. Services were held. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was administered. Two children were baptized. A couple who had previously been united by the village council according to ancient custom were lawfully married. The people seem very anxious to understand the Word of God. Bro. Reid the Lay Agent is working hard, and Mrs. Reid is a good example for the people of the christian wife and mother.

Mr. Ed. Wilkinson C. E., and party were at the mission house for two days in September arranging with their packers. Mr. Wilkinson is under instructions from the Provincial Government to explore the Kitamaat Valley, and ascertain if there is a pass through the Coast Range to the interior practicable for a railway.

For 1000 miles the Coast Range of British Columbia and Alaska presents a high and almost impassable barrier. It is never broken at Kitamaat by the Inlet Valley, nature provides a nearly level plain which no doubt will be found to be an easy gateway to the interior—the Klondyke, the Skeena, Cassiar, and Omineca.

Mail received at Kitamaat, before Xmas via Hartley Bay, by canoe.

The average daily attendance at our mission school for the last quarter, ending Dec 31st. is 47.

Several schools of whales (fin-backs) passed up the Inlet this fall in search of food, one monster came within 200 yds of the mission house on 10th. Oct.

A chief and five Kimahnu people are remaining the winter here, and may remain permanently. They speak the Kitamaat language.

The Kitamaat tribe is not decreasing. During the year there have been:—

13 births.

8 marriages.

12 deaths. (THIS NUMBER INCLUDES THOSE BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL, BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN RESIDENTS FOR SOME YEARS.)

Our people are very poor this year. The cannery season was a failure so far as Kitamaats were concerned. They report trapping discouraging not many furs have been obtained.

A short account of the life and death of Charlie Amos (Wahuksgumalayou) the Kitamaat martyr who died last August has been sent to The Missionary Outlook. It is interesting; try and read it.

In our next issue of Na-na-kwa we will continue "Dawn at Kitamaat", and give a short history of the Home and a description of the present accommodation of the children.

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