

NANAIMO.

Letter from Mr. Crosby, dated Indian Village, June 29th, 1871.

Having promised Mr. Punshon I would write, I intended to have done so long before this, but I have been so much engaged, as you are aware I have had both the white and Indian work of the Nanaimo and Maple Bay Circuits to attend to.

The affliction of our much respected Chairman, Bro. White, and his removal has caused some care: and here I may say, he has many warm friends and a church that regrets his removal very much indeed; and prayer goes up from many hearts that God may speedily restore him to wonted health again, and that heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon his dear family in their affliction.

You will be sorry to learn that our young "native," Bro. David Sallaselton, who has been so very useful as an exhorter and local preacher the last two years, is down very low with congestion of the lungs, brought on, I fear, by exposure and hard work on the Chilliwhack Mission during last winter. Dr. Jones gives very little hope of his recovery, and, what makes us more alarmed, he has lost a brother and two sisters with a like affliction—one of whom died very happy some two years ago. Her last words were a great blessing to many. We are doing all we possibly can under God for our Bro.'s recovery, and many of our dear people from town assist nobly. It is a great privilege to visit David, he is so happy and peaceful—not a murmur; and he says that "all he wishes to live for is that he may preach Christ, but he has left all in the hands of God, and if he dies he will go to the happy land." He takes every opportunity to speak to those who visit him, as far as his

strength will allow, about Jesus. We cling to the hope that God will restore him, and that he may yet be the honored instrument in leading many souls to the "Lamb of God." May we have grace to trust in these dark days of affliction!

According to the direction of the President I have re-opened the day school here, and arranged with Mr. Charles Tate, an earnest young man, late from England, to take it at present. He commenced a night school, and continued it all last winter, and has otherwise shown himself much interested in the Indians. He has a fair education, and is a member of our church. Of course I could not say, as I have told him, what he would be allowed, until I should hear from the Committee. However he said if I wished he would take the school and wait the result. All that he would require would be food and clothes. I suppose about \$400 would do him; and should we not have \$300 more to assist our native brethren in clothes and food, &c.? The work demands all these laborers and more if we had them. We must have schools or we lose the young, and they are the hope of our cause among the natives.

Bro. Cushon has just returned from a short visit to Victoria, New Westminster, Chilliwhack. I am glad he is back to assist at this time. And as soon as I can be relieved from double work here, I wish to visit the distant tribes, and do some translating of hymns, &c.

Our congregations here are good, never better, but O we need the "power," converting power. Pray for us.

DEATH OF THE INDIAN CHIEF, MOSES SCHUYLER, (SONARKARRIS.)

We place upon record the following Obituary forwarded by the Rev. JAMES GRAY, Governor of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution. It is one of many testimonies which might be gathered up among our Indian churches of "the power of God unto salvation"

The deceased was head chief of that branch of the Oneida tribe now settled on the River Thames. The original name of the family was Henry. The