

they were not in a frame of mind to attend special services, and would not at first admit that they had done wrong.

Some have died happy in faith, and with joy went home to be forever with the Lord. Nine adults were baptized three weeks ago, and during the past week four have come out on the Lord's side. I greatly wish that the land troubles between this people and the government were settled, so that the people would give more attention to spiritual things.

There has been much sickness in the village, and I do not know how I could have got through alone; but early in November, Dr. A. E. Bolton and wife came out, constrained by the love of God, and a desire to work for the Master in rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying, ministering to the body and soul. He has been very busy and God has blessed his efforts. Many have been restored and we are thankful to Almighty God for giving our brother the impulse to leave his eastern home, give up his practice and come here to work in the vineyard.

The school has been fairly attended, and progress has been made in the branches taught.

A band of workers held services on the streets, and have had fruit from their labors. A week ago I was up Work's canal for three days. About seventy-five of our people were camped there; they were much pleased to see us, and we had a blessed Sabbath with them. I shall not soon forget the prayer of one of the old men who had not had the privilege of going to a service for some months. How he thanked God for the sound of the Gospel in his ears again!

We greatly need the prayers of the Church that Satan's power may be broken, and that this people may be united in heart worship of God.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

Letter from REV. A. N. MILLER, dated SKIDEGATE, March 31st, 1890.

SINCE last I wrote you we have been visited by a series of earthquakes. There were in all fourteen shocks. The first occurred on February 24th, about 9 a.m., and was followed by three or four others within an hour. The last we felt was on March 19th. The first shock was by far the most violent. We thought at first that it was a strong gust of wind, but in a moment the noise became like distant thunder, the floor began to shake, the windows to rattle and the whole house apparently to dance. In the mission house books and other articles were thrown down, water was spilled, the top bricks were shaken off the kitchen chimney, the chimney was broken off at the roof (but left standing) and the other chimney was cracked in several places. In the village one stove was thrown down, some dishes were broken and some of the houses left awry. This shock lasted at least thirty seconds, and none of the others longer than three or four seconds. The motion at first was undulatory and similar to that which one experiences on board a fast train when the train is being brought to a sudden stop, but was much much more violent and rapid. Towards the last it seemed to be simply vibratory. It was evidently travelling northward, for

on the west coast of the island (south-west from here) the shock was much more violent than it was here, causing two land-slides, knocking down an old house and almost levelling the totem poles; while at Nassett, on the north end of the island, it was but slight.

It was indeed a means of blessing to our people. Many of them thought the last day had come and some seemed to rejoice, while others felt they were not ready and tried to make ready, and all began to pray. When the first shock came one man rushed out of his house, exclaiming, "Bless the Lord, Jesus has come!" A woman said that she, with her husband, had been trying for several years to walk in the good way, but she felt she was not good enough yet. Another woman told us that she and her husband thought that the last day had come, and that there was no place where they could go for safety; they could not hide from God, so they went into the bedroom and prayed. A man and his wife had been quarrelling and had even come to blows, but when they felt the earthquake they very quickly became friends and began to pray. Another man and woman who had been living together for years, came desiring Christian marriage. Another man afterwards said that he cried for a whole day. He thought the last day had come, and he felt that he was not ready. Here, some of the Christian Band of Workers began to sing and pray and preach on the street. At Gold Harbor the people, young and old, flocked to the church, and while they were praying a shock came which almost knocked the Bible off the pulpit. Some of the Clue people tell us that at Clue they had services in the church every day for a week. We trust and pray that the impressions made upon them may be lasting. Never before did we feel so much our utter weakness and how entirely dependent we are from day to day, for life and all good blessings, on a Power and Goodness which are not our own.

THE INDIAN WORK.

Letter from REV. W. P. McHAFFIE, dated FISHER RIVER, March 12th, 1890.

AS I have not, since coming to Fisher River, sent you any particular account of our work among the people here, my present letter will be an attempt to embrace the period since the commencement of my labors in July, 1888, till the present time.

On arriving at Fisher River I found, to my extreme satisfaction, a good house, church, school, and other outbuildings. Though the house furniture was rather scanty, still I found sufficient to establish me comfortably in my bachelor quarters. The services, I found, were well attended. The membership rated at 132 full members, with 30 on trial, in the Conference Minutes. This, I may add, embraced all the adults on the reserve and the young people, with one or two exceptions, down to the age of thirteen years. My work was thus altogether among church members.

I first set about trying to urge those on trial to become members in full, as they had been on trial over six months before I came among them. Failing in this, I reported them just as they stood to the District Meeting, which saw fit to strike them off. This, together with losses by death, of which we had