

attentive at morning prayer, and are particularly fond of singing. It is one of the most encouraging schools I have taught, and I believe much good may be done here."

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Mr. Parent writes,—"I married two couples of Indians; they invited me to dine with them, and was pleased when there to witness the sobriety and order of the whole company. The wedding lasted two days, and although there were about one hundred present, yet there was no liquor—a thing very unusual. Many Roman Catholics were astonished that the usual accompaniment of drinking, intoxication, and rioting, were not witnessed. A lady of the place said to me she never saw such a quiet wedding in the twenty-five years she had lived there. From the manner in which many of them speak and pray in our meetings I am satisfied that a great change has come upon them. One of the chiefs told me the Priest had offered him a farm and a house, and other things necessary for farming, if he would go back again to the Church of Rome. But no, the offer to him was an insult. Wednesday, 31st, we had our prayer-meeting, and I was happy in seeing so many attend it. Sabbath, 4th, preached here and at Como—after-

ward held a prayer-meeting. Wednesday, 7th, we had a very interesting prayer-meeting, many spoke and prayed with much feeling. On Saturday, an Indian and his wife came to me and gave their names to belong to the class.

Sabbath, 11th. At the close of the morning meeting, a Priest came to the first chief and said he had come to show the Indians the error of their ways. So the chief went with him to school-house, which when I heard, I went also. The chief brought his Bible and presented it to the Priest, to be shown from it the errors into which he said he had fallen. But the Priest said it was not a Bible. Then I said to him, look into the book, sir, and I think you will see it is a Bible. But he said again it was not a Bible. I said, sir, you are mistaken, it is the Bible. But he said, you lie, sir, it is not the Bible. I said it is nothing strange to me to hear you deny the truth, for that is the way the Priests of the Church of Rome distinguish themselves from the true ministers of the Gospel. Moreover sir, I said, I perceive * * * * it would be better for you to go to bed. This broke up the interview. It is said the Indians are men who never weep, but I can testify that when their hearts are touched by religious feeling they can weep like any others."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from the Rev. THOMAS CROSBY, dated Chilliwack, Sept. 22nd, 1870.

CAMP-MEETING.

As the second quarter of our year is gone, I write to give you an account of the work of God among the natives of this great field. And blessed be His glorious Name, He has not left us without special tokens of His presence and favor. A District Camp-meeting was held at Maple Bay in July, (of which you have doubtless heard,) which was a great blessing to all who attended it. Since then the work of reformation has been going on in all the tribes there represented. I visited the coast of Vancouver's Island four weeks ago, and found the work of God at our Nanaimo Mission prosperous and well sustained, with the exception of our day school, which I am sorry to say has had to be

closed for want of funds. At Victoria they are improving, and we united a little band together in a class. At Burrard Inlet, a young man who visited our Mission school at Nanaimo some years ago, and professed to receive good, has, since the camp-meeting, been carrying on a class among his people there, and God has blessed some of them with saving grace. It was seen that the camp-meeting at Maple Bay was such a great blessing to our Indian friends, that another meeting was announced to be held on this Mission on Sept. 14th, and accordingly arrangements were made; and although the weather was very forbidding, cold and wet, and other difficulties presented themselves, yet the morning before the time appointed came out fine and