

We turn from these saddening scenes to the lofty mountains, whose stately forms proclaim Almighty power and snow-capped peaks point to purer things on high. Let all who read this praise God that there is something better than the social life of the heathen, and let all girls and women feel most grateful that the Gospel frees and elevates those who have been enslaved by the demoralizing and abominable influence of the potlatch and all such social evils.

We have endeavored to set the Gospel before them in all its fulness, and our labors have not been in vain. Those who attend services are attentive and respectful. Some of the young people see the evil of heathen houses, and have built, or are building, houses suitable for one family. We have tried to impress them with the necessity of helping themselves like men, and not to depend on any society; this, too, has had its result.

Special Scripture lessons have been given, with a view of putting them on their guard against temptations, and gilded bait placed before them at the fishing stations during the canning season, which is really their worst time of year.

Some of the chiefs and old people have resolved to give up heathenism, and before going away for the summer to hunt, they came and asked for a paper and pencil, so they could tell when Sunday came.

School was kept open four hours daily for about five months, and those regular in attendance progressed favorably. Sunday-school was well attended by young and old; we dwelt largely on the duties of husbands and wives, parents and children, rulers and people, bodily cleanliness and moral purity. All of these lessons were listened to with close attention, and brought forth many strange questions.

Our first Sabbath spent in Kish-pi-ax was seasoned with much sadness. Sabbath desecration prevailed to a great extent, but by words of advice, constant teaching and exhortation, it was given up. The football was left in the mission house, and wood was, in most cases, provided on Saturday.

We would like to explain the potlatch, heathen dance, doctoring, giving back the souls of individuals, child life, and many other things, such as fire-eating, dog-eating, sacrificial offerings, as practised by the people with whom it is our lot to labor, but time and space will not permit now. But those who wish to know more about life among the Indians can find out by writing to us.

And now, ye men and women of wealth who have a longing to do good, but hardly know how, and who wish to have some one at the beautiful gate waiting and watching for you, lend of your luxury to our necessity. We wish to teach these poor people properly; this we cannot do without means. To establish a healthful, social life, there must be an example. We cannot teach them to sweep without a broom; to bake without a stove; to write without a pen. The Missionary Society is overburdened already, while thousands of dollars are spent annually in sumptuous suppers, brilliant balls, and thousands more in firecrackers and other useless display, while our brothers and sisters in the flesh groan in abject slavery to man and to sin.

Think of your only daughter sold to a life of shame, and then think of the poor Indian girls, for

there are many such within ten minutes' walk of us at this moment.

### THE FRENCH WORK.

**Chatham St. West, Point St. Charles.**—I am happy to state that I am much encouraged by the growing spirituality of my people on this mission; the fervent, earnest prayers and testimonies in our prayer and class-meetings, and the clear conversions rejoice my heart, and I thank God and take courage. Some who were formerly dead and silent in our meetings have had their souls revived and blessed, and are zealous now in trying to bring in their relatives and friends to partake with them of the rich blessings of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we are looking forward for a goodly ingathering into the fold of Christ of these poor benighted, deluded people in the near future; for this we will earnestly labor and pray. May God pour out His Spirit upon us, for we know that Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but God giveth the increase; we know, also, that God giveth the Holy Spirit to them that earnestly ask it, and "When Zion travaills she shall bring forth." I do believe that the Jesuit Bill affair will do great good, after all the clear, outspoken speeches of the leading men of Montreal, together with the earnest, active and prominent part and speeches of the leading men of Ontario, translated from the English press into the French press, which are opening the eyes of French-Canadians; and very many tell me that the English-speaking people are right, and some are afraid of a war of races; and acknowledge the Church of Rome, and especially the Jesuits, are too exacting, and need the check-rein of Protestantism to curb them. On the whole, the country is deeply agitated.

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