

# METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

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### NEW MISSION TO NAAS.

WE place upon record the following letter to perpetuate the remembrance of beginning an enterprise which has already been greatly blessed by the great Head of the Church. The destitute condition of this numerous band of Indians, and their earnest entreaty for a Missionary, made such a solemn impression upon the hearts of our generous-minded people in Victoria, that, independent of their usual offerings for the maintenance of their own minister and annual missionary subscriptions, they are pledged to a special effort to provide four hundred dollars for two years to begin this Mission. Many earnest and faithful prayers accompany their gifts, which are sure to obtain the Divine blessing. It is fervently hoped, by the expiration of the term, the Society may be in a position to carry on the work vigorously.

*From the Rev. ALFRED E. GREEN, dated Naas River, B.C., September 21st, 1877.*

After receiving my appointment to this distant field, I had to wait two weeks for the *Otter*, which did not leave Victoria till the 3rd of August, calling at Departure Bay the following morning. On our way we called at Alert Bay, Fort Rupert, and Bella Bella, where we saw a large number of natives living in heathen darkness (we ascertained from the Hudson Bay Company's servants that they number near five thousand souls, who speak one language), without any teacher or missionary. Athirst for the water of life, what a pity that we should have to tell those poor people that our Church is too poor to send them the Gospel. Oh, that men and means were ready for the Master's use.

The Rev. A. Hall, sent out by the Church of England Missionary Society and on his way to take charge of the Metlakatlah Mission, was one of the passengers. We had blessed and refreshing seasons while waiting together at a throne of grace. I found at Port Essington that Bro. Crosby had been there, and now an intelligent Indian woman holds a Sabbath-school among her people, Bro. Crosby supplying her, as she informed me, with cards and books.

We arrived at Fort Simpson on the 7th, and stayed over Sabbath with Bro. Crosby. A great many of their people were from home, as it was in the midst of the fishing season, yet I enjoyed the services much. I was astonished to hear them sing so