

Importance of assistance at Metlahkatlah.

In conclusion, I hope you will permit me to lay before you one or two matters which I feel to be of considerable importance. And first, the necessity of an assistant to Mr. Duncan in the general work at Metlahkatlah, the amount of which is overwhelming, and as no one part can be safely dispensed with, the care and toil to keep it all in order are telling on your Missionary, and can scarcely fail, at no very distant period, to break him down. A man with a soul of tried character and consistency, of the station perhaps of a Scripture Reader or City Missionary, without ulterior views as to ordination, which not unfrequently appear to be followed by ulterior views as to sphere, of education sufficient, with some training, to work in the school, willing to turn his hand to anything, above all a man of God, would seem to be the kind of man required. Perhaps better unmarried, for when settled in his work he might, we think, without difficulty find a wife in the country.

Possibility of extending the Mission in the North Pacific.

I have been impressed with a strong desire to see your Mission extended on this coast. I believe God has given you an open door, an entrance to a large field. One or two new stations might evangelise the nearly ten thousand Tsimshean speaking people. A member of one of the distant tribes who came the other day to trade, said to Mr. Duncan, "You have opened our eyes by what you have done at Metlahkatlah. We want to follow the same way. All the people round know that your heart is good towards them." There is also frequent communication between this people and the Hydahs on Queen Charlotte's Island, a fine race of men, and I believe many of them not a little impressed with the Metlahkatlah experiment. They would, it is confidently expected, welcome the messengers of life. May it be yours to send them!

Desire of natives to welcome Missionaries.

Visit undertaken at request of the Bishop.

At the wish, and by the kind arrangement of the Bishop, I have undertaken this, to me most grateful, expedition, at whose suggestion also I write to you, trusting that a connected account from one who has observed Mr. Duncan's course from his first arrival in this country may not be unacceptable.

I pray that the Lord may be pleased to multiply His blessings on the labours of the Church Missionary Society in all parts of the world for the extension of His kingdom.