

into the Hereafter." Openly, opposition ceased for awhile but not until a few of the Christians died from the effect of the work of the Aikuklithla (witch doctor). Secretly the heathen doctors were at work and one after another the early Christians passed away, by means of a martyrdom perhaps not so revolting, yet none the less sure, than that of Nero's day.

(To be continued.)

## THE KITAMAAT HOME.

The Kitamaat "Home" needs no apology for its existence. The good already accomplished has demonstrated its necessity and is a strong plea for future support.

Perhaps some of our friends would like to ask, what is the specific object of the Home? It is threefold, viz.

To save the Tribe;

1. Physically.
2. Mentally.
3. Morally.

If we want the future of the Tribe to be happy, we must, *gec.*, and save the children.

1. Physically.

It is not to our credit to see the Indians dying out, we do not wish it, it behoves us to use all means in our power to prevent it, and to save the remnant of a powerful nation. In 1811 the Haidahs of Queen Charlotte Islands numbered 6,593 inhabitants to the 31 villages, in 1878 there were 2,000 in three villages, now there remain under 600 in two villages, Skidigate and Masset. The Oweekinios, and Kimsquits have also dwindled down.

Whiskey and immorality are largely responsible for the rapid decrease of these tribes. As soon as the girls attain the age of 12 or 14, they are taken by their parents to Victoria, or one of the cities of the Sound, and sold to a life of disease and shame. If only these girls could have been gathered into "homes", and saved from such degrading slavery; these tribes would probably have increased. It appears now they are doomed to extinction. I believe the Children's Home at Kitamaat has been, and will continue to be, the means in the hand of God of saving the tribe numerically, and physically, by protecting helpless

girlhood from a life of misery and shame.

The Home has also been a "House of Help" to the younger children, from six years old and upwards. On account of the roving habits of the people necessitated by hunting, fishing, canoe making, at a time of the year when the thermometer would often register below zero, children were constantly sacrificed. Little ones especially the weak would get chilled by exposure to the raw winds and die. Now many of the children remain in the Home, consequently do not suffer as formerly. In past years when a fever would die through exposure only one dies now; the tribe is increasing. The Indian Agent stated a little while ago - Kitamaat has more children in proportion to its population than any village on the coast.

2. Mentally.

Hitherto the Kitamaats have come into contact with the civilized world but little. It is almost an assured fact that the Kitamaat Valley is about to be settled by white population. In order to enable them to cope with the changed circumstances pertaining to civilization, more attention than ever must be paid to the mental and industrial training. Such training can only be systematically given by means of a Home, because as I said before, of the nomadic habits of the people.

3. Morally.

Another reason which prompted me to undertake home work: - When I looked into the old Indian houses I found all the members of one, two, three, four, and five families, headed together in a miserable den, a filthy dwelling, a single room where all ages, and both sexes slept, ate, and dwelt together. Fancy what a picture of human life must be formed in the mind of a child who is familiar with vice in all its forms from infancy upwards, and who looks on scenes of sin as the normal condition of humanity. With object lessons of human wickedness ever floating before its eyes, is it any wonder that the children should if left under such conditions be morally corrupt? If we want the future of the people to be Christian, we must remove the children from such demoralizing surroundings, into homes where they are under the constant influence of Christian teachers, and a thorough transformation