

families this winter is 14; and the population between eighty and ninety. This does not include of course, many other families out of the settlement, who in different ways come under the influence of the Mission. The men spend the winter in procuring fuel and in hunting. A merciful Providence has especially favored them the past winter in regard to game; for, while we hear from other parts of the coast, of want and starvation, deer, rabbits, and ptarmigan have been plentiful here. The day-school, which we have only the past week closed, and the principal care of which has devolved upon Miss Brodie, has been attended by forty scholars. An evening school has also been kept for the instruction of the young men of the settlement. I hold on the Sabbath, two meetings,—religious service in the forenoon, and a Sabbath-school meeting in the afternoon. I am glad to say that both these have been very faithfully attended by nearly all the people, and oftentimes when severe weather and other obstacles were in the way. \* \* \* \* These humble means the great Master has seen fit to bless. The Holy Spirit was manifestly with us to awaken, to convince, and to point to Christ. Men saw and felt their sin because they believed not on Him. \* \* \* \* I think that scarcely a heart was unvisited by the blessed influence, or unmoved by the feeling of conscious guilt and danger. \* \* \* \* A few have, we trust, been led to accept Christ, and to lead a new life, while the experience of many has apparently ended in conviction."

The summer passed without any events specially noteworthy, and in the winter of 1863-64 we find them again at the station in Esquimaux River. During this winter, while there were not such marked tokens of interest among the people, still there was a growing interest in the hearing and in the study of the truth; and the missionaries were specially cheered and strengthened by the conversion of a young Englishman, who had spent several years on the coast.