

"A singer sang a song of cheer,
And the great world listened and smiled
For he sang of the love of a Father dear,
And the trust of a little child;
And souls that before had forgotten to pray
Looked up and went singing along the way."

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FIELD STUDY FOR FEBRUARY.

Subject: Indians of Our Dominion.

"The Stranger within our gates."

THE reports for the Indian work this year have been most encouraging, notwithstanding a great deal of sickness in the Homes. Measles, whooping cough and other sickness which comes to the children of our land and from which they usually recover, because of more healthy conditions, good nursing and diet, are generally fatal to the poor little Indians in their natural state. Even in the Homes and Hospitals the greatest care and attention are necessary to save them, as worse diseases often follow.

CROSBY GIRLS' HOME, PORT SIMPSON, B. C.

One little girl, Emma Gosnell, eight years old, died in her own home, having been nursed two months in the Home. Helen Nelson, six years, was taken home by her parents and could only live a few days. Helen had been nursed in the Home for three months. All the other children recovered. The good teaching they get is shown in the improved lives and conduct and greater earnestness of these girls. Five of them are taking lessons on their little new organ. In November, at their annual school examination, an exhibition of their sewing, knitting, darning and fancy work was made and received great praise from both white people and Indians. A skilled dressmaker, Miss Elliot, of Toronto, teaches them how to sew. There have been 40 pupils this year.

DR. BOLTON'S HOSPITAL.

Miss Spence has just gone back from Ontario, taking with her everything that a nurse would need in the absence of a doctor. She has had a hearty welcome back. The good nurses have never failed in their duty to the sick, at the risk of their own lives. Not only in the Hospital but in the villages and at Port Essington they have gone about like their Divine Master doing good.

COQUALEETZA INDIAN INSTITUTE, CHILLIWHACK.

This is a very prosperous Home-school for girls and boys to which our society gives a grant. Nearly 100 scholars live in the Institute, and they are growing in every way—in their studies and in various industries. The girls have earned over \$120 this year by dressmaking. There is to be a new building where they can accommodate 130. At the Chilliwack and Provincial Exhibitions they had good exhibits. The boys—vegetables, roots and grain from the

farm, neatly made shoes from the shoe-shop; the girls—bread, butter, biscuit, cake, etc., from the kitchen, dress-making, knitting, etc; from the laundry, soap and starch; from the school-room, writing and drawing; also from the kindergarten, weaving, sewing, folding and piece work. Coqualeetza Institute was awarded first prize for best exhibit of the Industrial Schools of the Province. There is a musical band that pays for its own instruments by playing at garden parties and entertainments. There is also a Mission Band with 16 members. Also a League. There is a growing Sunday School, and Bible lesson every day. This is a home of happy, contented girls and boys because they are so busy and useful. They too have had a hard time with the measles, but have all recovered. Two little girls died in the fall, one of consumption.

KIT-A-MAAT.

Poor Mrs. Raley and Miss Long also report a hard time with measles in the Home. "Not a girl fit to work." They need a new building and our Society has made them a generous grant this year. "Mr. Raley has unbounded faith in the work among the children. The older ones are often very discouraging." "In the Home the training of the hands no less than the head is part of the education and fits them for a decent after life. And more important is the training of the heart. The children of chiefs have been early taught that work is degrading; we try to make them believe that there is no degradation in anything but sin and that the salvation of Jesus Christ will save from unhappiness and misery." This Home has 30 children.

"The Stranger Within Our Gates."

"I was a stranger and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me."
"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

What are the reports from the Indian Homes?
Why does sickness affect Indian more than white children?
What of two little girls in the Crosby Girls' Home?
How does their good teaching show—in what way?
How do they employ their time?
How did they pass at examination?
How many pupils?
What of Miss Spence in Dr. Bolton's Hospital?
What do the faithful nurses do?
What can you tell of the Coqualeetza Indian Home?
How many pupils, and what do they all do?
What did they exhibit at the exhibitions, and what did they gain?
What Bards have they? What else?
Why are these Indian girls and boys happy and contented?
What is the report from the Home in Kit-a-maat?
What are we helping them to do?
What does Mr. Raley think about the children?
What do they try to make them think about work? How many children in this Home?