

A missionary writing home says, Buddhism is making no progress; Mohammedanism is at a discount, because of its rebellious tendencies; Confucianism is strong and active; Roman Catholicism is making rapid progress; Protestant missionaries are doing what they can.

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INDIANS.

There was recently, at Guildford, Connecticut, a gathering of the descendants of John Eliot, the apostle to the Indians. The copy of the Indian Bible from Yale College was exhibited; the Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, "the only living man who can read" this version, was present.

The Methodist Church of Canada has long been foremost in the work of Indian Missions, among whom it now has forty missions established besides thirty-one day schools, thirty-one teachers and twenty-five interpreters. Five ministers are also supplying small bands of Indians. The Missionary Notices for October contains no less than six letters relating to Indian Missions. Camp meetings have been held at Christian Islands and Chilliwick, both of which were numerously attended by both whites and Indians, and were real feasts of tabernacles. Rev. J. H. Ruttan, in the North-West, recently held a delightful meeting, at which he baptised fifteen persons, among whom was a distinguished conjurer named Tapastanum. He appeals for additional labourers, and says, "We exceedingly regret that it is not in the power of the appointing committee to supply either Grand Rapids or the Grassy Narrows with ministers. Grassy Narrows seems to be in the greatest need of a minister, as twenty families of our people have already gone there to settle, and the probability is that thirty or forty more families will remove there this fall."

Probably the most interesting part of the notices is the letter from Rev. T. Crosby, who gives an account of a visit of General Howard to Fort Simpson, where he spent a Sabbath and worshipped with the Indians. The General expressed himself as being greatly pleased with what he saw during his visit, and addressed a few words to the Indians, after Mr. Crosby's sermon, and closed the service with prayer. Mr. Crosby's interpreter is an Indian female, and her ability to interpret is greatly commended.

It is much to be regretted that, owing to the state of the missionary fund, no additions can be made to the number of labourers, when there are such pressing demands from all parts of the mission field. Surely after such a bountiful harvest as Canada has had this year, there will be a well replenished treasury. Some special contributions have been received, which are a good omen; but until the present heavy debt is liquidated, it is not likely that the Central Board can sanction any advance.