

the building, but Jesus' presence and love makes it sweet. The lumber is here on the ground for a school-house. We will build it 40 by 30 feet. The Indians will give the work of putting up, I think all. Could you send me a few Bibles, Testaments, slates, and pencils for school. I visited the upper village and they want a teacher in that village of 400 inhabitants, about 100 children. I wrote Mr. Crosby asking him to send me a smart Indian young man and he came last night. I go up with him to-morrow to hold

a week's services there, and start a school, so we will have two schools on this river, one at the Mission here at the nearest point to Fort Simpson, the other at the upper, twenty-five miles north of this. The people are very anxious to learn, and have already learnt seven or eight of our hymns.

We know you are praying for us, and God is answering prayer. His Spirit is resting upon the people and upon us. I shall be very glad to receive any advice you may think fit to give.

From the Rev. C. BRYANT, dated Nanaimo, V. I., British Columbia, December 4th, 1877.

We have still to contend with the adverse influence of financial depression, arising from the protracted stagnation of trade. This is felt seriously in our Sabbath collections, which, as the chief source of circuit income, have fallen considerably below our expectations in the quarter just closed. Our late church anniversary services too, fell more than \$50 below last year and failed to meet the heavy expenses for repairs, &c., which continually occur. Our social means of grace are cheered by the Divine presence and blessing, yet we need the converting power to attend the preached Word.

INDIAN WORK.

I have never seen larger congregations, since Bro. Crosby's residence here, than those of the past few Sabbaths. The tribe is mostly at home and Bro. Cushman seems to be diligent in his work. The spiritual influence in their class-meeting is excellent, as may be gathered from the following extracts which I transcribe from notes taken last Sabbath afternoon, when I renewed the quarterly class-tickets after preaching.

BRO. CUSHAN, Leader, said, "I am glad to be with you, my people. You have trials and I have them too. But God has said, if we will take our troubles to Him, He will settle

them and help us. A fortnight since, when chopping fuel for myself and for the church, a splinter struck me in the face, and when the wound pained me the devil told me that that was what I got through being a servant of Christ, and he tempted me to leave the work and be angry. But as I went to my closet and prayed to the Lord he kindly removed the temptation behind me."

PETER,—"I am always sick, but thankful to be spared to receive another class-ticket, which I did not expect. The tempter tries to persuade me not to attend class, but may the good Spirit ever keep me faithful."

MRS. CHE-AT-LUK, daughter of the chief medicine-man and conjurer,—"I want to serve Jesus, once I was against Him, but now I want to be with Him and His people. I cannot go with my father, but I pray for him and God warms my heart."

PETER-NAMPTON, who is far gone in consumption,—"I am ready to give my heart and all I have to Jesus, and want to go and see Him. I expected to have been taken before the end of this quarter, but I am glad to be here and see my brother Elijah present, seeking the Lord."

ELIJAH, "When a little boy,