

ground in the rear of the village is crowned by a commodious church, capable of accommodating seven or eight hundred people. On one side is the school-house, large and well built; on the other the "Girls' Home," with about a dozen inmates, and room for more. Near by is the Mission House, neat, comfortable and attractive, with a reception room for the Indians, where they find ready access and welcome at all times. Here, in a word, where but twelve years ago all were heathens, we have now a civilized and well-ordered community, and a Church numbering 238 full members, and as many more on trial. We can but look on and say, "What hath God wrought!"

No sooner had the power of the Gospel been felt at Port Simpson than the people longed to spread the good news. They carried it northward to the Naas River, and to Fort Wrangel, in Alaska; westward to Queen Charlotte's Islands; eastward and southward to the Skeena River, to Kitamaat, to Bella Bella. This soon necessitated the appointment of other missionaries. The NAAS was put in charge of A. E. Green, who for the past six years has been doing good service in that region. Greenville, the headquarters of the mission, is on the bank of the river, some twenty-two miles from its mouth, and from this centre a number of other villages are reached, embracing an aggregate population of 1,000 souls. In the fishing season, the Indians come from other places, and for several months in spring and summer vast numbers hear the Word. A new church is much needed at Greenville, and the present one will answer well for a school-house. At PORT ESSINGTON, on the Skeena, we have the commencement of a good cause, with a neat church and mission-house, also a school-house. Bro. Jennings is doing good service at this point. On Queen Charlotte's Island, a young man has been stationed for some time at SKIDEGATE, but we had to remove him to supply a vacancy on the mainland, and his place will be taken by a native agent. These islands lie 100 miles off the coast, and as there is no regular communication between them and the mainland, the regular supply of the work is very difficult.

At BELLA BELLA we have now a promising mission. This was one of the places to which the Tsimpseans of Port Simpson carried the Gospel; and for a time the work was carried on by occasional visits from Bro. Crosby and his native assistants. A call having come from the Forks of the Skeena for a missionary, Bro. Tate was sent; but before he could reach his assigned field it was occupied by an Anglican missionary, and Mr. Tate was sent to Bella Bella instead. Here he labored successfully for several years, and when he was sent back to the Indians of the Fraser he was succeeded at Bella Bella by Bro. Cuyler, who is still in charge, and working faithfully. At BELLA COOLA, Bro. W. H. Pierce, one of our native missionaries, has been doing a good work; but we found it necessary to send him to another very important point, of which I shall speak presently, and the Bella Coola work will now be taken up by Bro. Hopkins, who for the past year has been at Skidegate.

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