

to them from others, but without warning, except that they become a little careless, they suddenly relapse into the old life.

We are glad to be able to tell you that the Chief who, in 1898, through sickness, returned to heathenism, has again decided to make a stand. He came to us last spring, and said he was very sorry that he acted in the way he did, and that he would not come to us before, although he was sorry directly after, that he had gone back but after considering the matter so long, he had decided to make a stand. He came again about two weeks ago, asking for baptism for himself, his wife and daughter. We hope (D. V.) to baptise him and his family some time this spring. He has pulled down his heathen house, and is building a small house on the Christian side of the village.

Baptisms.—There have been six baptisms during the year, five infants and one adult. The latter has been a great help ever since his baptism. He came and asked that he might ring the Church bell for services, and regularly, punctually, when he has been at home, he has attended to the fire and lighting, and bell-ringing, Wednesday service, Saturday prayer meeting and three times Sunday without any remuneration.

Service and prayer meetings have been well attended.

The Church Army, I am sorry to say, for the time is silent, as it has been since last spring.

I continue to have evangelistic services in the houses of the heathen as usual, and am always treated with the greatest respect.

The blessing long looked for tarries yet awhile, but we know it will come.

The work amongst the Chinese this year has been particularly encouraging. Bishop Dart, of New Westminster, kindly spared again his Chinese missionary for three months, and he has been most zealous in his work for Christ amongst his own people. It has been my privilege to go with him to the Chinese house and to speak through him to them.

It grieves us much to see so many opportunities of service around us, and not to be able to take them on account of the language; the number of Japanese is increasing year by year on the Skeena at the canneries, and we have not the funds to pay a Christian Japanese missionary to come and teach his own people.

The Day School continues to be most encouraging. We have never had such good attendance, and I am glad to say the children are making good progress.

I must not close without speaking of those who from year to year show steady progress in the Christian life; who are striving not