

they are most earnest, and the Church, generally, has been much blessed.

A large number of new houses have gone up, and our new School-house has been so far completed that we can use it. It will cost nearly \$1,000 when complete, and much of this has been raised by the people. Indeed, Simpson begins to have a settled town-like appearance.

We have moved slowly with our "Girls' Home," and are much in need of a person to take charge of it, as Miss Lawrence is still engaged in teaching the day-school. We have had twelve in number all winter. We need a first-class male teacher to take charge of the school, who would preach and do general work in the absence of the Missionary.

The school and services at Kit-a-mat have been carried on by our native teacher, Patrick Russ, and a heavy blow has been struck at conjuring, witchcraft, polygamy, and all other heathen vices by the steady progress made by the Gospel among the people. Here we have a day-school with about thirty in attendance. It would be well if we could have a white teacher there, as the people very much wish it, and we might include Kit-Loop, etc., in his work. These people speak a dialect of the Bella-Bella language.

The work at Port Essington is doing well under the careful leadership of our native teacher, W. H. Pierce. A bell-tower has been made to the Church, and some other improvements added. Our agents carry on a day-school of thirty-five scholars.

The Forks of the Skeena has been taken up by the Church Missionary Society, so it was thought best that Bro. Tate, who was appointed by last Conference to that large and promising field, should take Bella-Bella. This arrangement has relieved me of the superintendence of this distant field, and will leave less travelling to be done the next year.

The Tongass people, over the border, in Alaska, who have asked the Gospel at our hands so long, came over in large numbers in the fall, and have spent the winter with us. We have held a special "Chin-nook" service for them every Sabbath, and many of them have, by this means, been led to Christ; and we hope they will take the truth to their friends who are still living in the grossest darkness. My visits to the Naas have been of much comfort to my own soul.

Several of our members have died very happy during the past year, leaving a blessed testimony behind that they were going to be with Jesus.

I have travelled during the year about 2,700 miles, and been caught in storms when there seemed the greatest danger. "But out of all the Lord has brought us by His love."

Baptized, 216: 151 adults and 65 children; married 49 couples. Present membership, 276; increase, 69. This does not include about 40 of the Tongass people on trial.

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