

over \$600, as appears in the subscription list. We have bought lamps for the church, and are now taking up a subscription for a bell. Cannot some of our generous friends in the East help us?

Yes, we shall need a great deal of help yet before we get this Mission fairly on the way; we want a good school-house, and I cannot ask the people here to do more till we get the church up. Still I think I am safe in saying that they are ready to do all in their power to help on the Mission, and I trust both the Missionary Committee and our good friends in Canada will help those who are so ready to help themselves. They are very desirous to learn and to be directed by your Missionary. A large number have been married since I came here, and some have died hopefully happy. We have tried to keep both schools going; Mrs. Crosby took them up to Christmas, and sometimes it was so cold in the old Indian house in which it was held, that it was really scarcely safe. Although the climate here is not so extremely cold, yet it is very damp and trying. Alfred and his wife still assist, and I hope they will be favourably remembered by the Committee. They are a great help to us indeed; we could not proceed without them. I am trying to get the language, but am so taken up with building that I could not give much attention to it. However, I hope soon to be able to do without an interpreter. The children and young people are doing well in school; many of them will soon read and write well in English. Every one wishes to have a Bible and hymn book; I wish we had enough to supply each one as they become able to read. The *Sunday School Advocates* and little Missionary books which I brought out are much prized by them. Our Sabbath services have been well attended all the time; indeed, not many more could get into the house. This makes us long for the church, so that when strangers visit the village they may be welcome to a seat with us, and where they may hear words

whereby they may be saved. Many attend the prayer meeting at daylight on Sunday morning, which is a season of grace and sweet delight. But the Sabbath-school services are the most interesting, when they crowd the house. Four classes are being taught to read the Bible and all the lessons. Perhaps four or five hundred listen with the greatest attention to the lesson explained from the illustrated paper before them. I hope you will send us a fresh supply out soon. If I could give you but a faint idea of the way Christmas was spent here in contrast with the former years of heathen feasts, dances and whiskey drinking and quarrelling. You would have been delighted to have been at the tea on Christmas eve, provided by myself and Mr. Morrison, at which, I suppose seven hundred sat down, and about forty at home, old and sick, were remembered. We had Christmas carols also; about forty young men and boys, who had been practising for some time, were led by Peter Quintell, Mrs. Morrison's brother. The whole village was lit up with lamps and torches, and decorated with evergreens and flags. This was to show the great joy they felt at the birth of Jesus, and the fact that they had changed, as they often express it, from the old way to walk in the new. Early in the morning they commenced to visit the Mission house, as also each other's houses, to shake hands. I suppose not less than four hundred visited our house, old and young alike. Then I preached to them at half-past ten, and in the evening at six. We had a Christmas tree, when near two hundred children had something from Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, who assisted in this as well as some of our friends in Victoria. Mrs. Crosby was sick at the time, and, though she had been preparing for it for weeks, could not be present to enjoy it. The following week was taken up by several marriages and the feasts in connection with them, and during the day they had games of different kinds and they all seemed happy, and we never saw a quarrel; and best of all, there was