

cially at Kishpiax, where a good work began. Just as Bro. Spencer arrived it broke out in good earnest; souls were saved nightly, praise God! We preached to a large number of these people, who had come down to the Naas River for the "small fish harvest." Some of the young converts gladdened our hearts by their testimonies that Christ had saved their souls, etc., etc. Sabbath was a great day, prayer-meeting 7 a.m.; preached at 11 a.m., to a crowded house, from Matt. xxii. 37-40.

A large party of our Simpson people came up the river to spend the day with us in addition to the band I had with me, so as soon as preaching was over the combined parties started up the river to the heathen village of Kit-eaks, with banners flying and Christian song, etc. Arrived there, but as the Christian bands could not go inside the house, etc., they preached and prayed out of doors. Our Simpson band was led by Henry Tate, the Greenville band by Arthur Calder, Bro. Osterhout, and I. Upon my arrival I had been invited by the chief to his house, so went, taking with me three brethren and Bro. Osterhout. The house was perhaps 60 feet square and must have contained at least 300 people, assembled for the purpose of "potlatching," etc., etc. They listened attentively to the word delivered unto them. Two of their chiefs briefly addressed us, at the close of which we returned to Fishery Bay for evening services. At 5 p.m. the "English Church Army," with the red cross banner of the C. M. S. flying, marched out. Soon the Methodist bands joined them and held a large open-air meeting. Towards its close the bells of the two churches rang for meeting, so we marched to our own church and while standing by the doorway the C. M. S. army came along on their way to the English church, singing as they marched

"It's the old-time religion,  
And it's good enough for me."

That night we had a wonderful meeting; we had persons telling their experiences from Queen Charlotte Islands, the Upper Skeena, Naas, Simpson and other places, and before we got through the people from the English church crowded in so that we had no sitting room left; but blessed be the Lord, we had a glorious time. Monday also was a great day, many of the people were hard at work preparing for fishing, etc., so Brother Osterhout and I decided to take our party up to Kit-eaks. We started up the river, and upon our arrival at the village, we preached in the several houses, nine in all, and after that to two large bands of gamblers in the open air. We had been singing, "We'll fight, we'll fight," etc., so some of the heathen imagined we were really going to fight them. We drew near to the gamblers singing, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save," etc., they all the while rattling their gambling sticks, beating their drums as loud as possible so as to drown our voices, but still we sang on, the chorus rolling grandly forth, each mountain around helping by its echo to swell salvation's song, until the gamblers became confused by its volume and power, broke up and left the ground, going to their fellow gamblers who were still trying to hold forth at a little distance. Just then George, who carried the flag with "Come to Jesus" on one side, and "Seek ye the Lord," etc., on the other, planted it as our standard right on the spot just quitted by the gamblers, after which we all kneeled down in prayer. By this time there were hundreds out to see the "fight." When we turned around and preached Jesus to them, soon the gambling party broke up, and drew nigh to hear the Gospel. From this place, in company with our band of warm-hearted Christian friends, I pushed up the river to La-howse and preached there to a lot of Upper Skeena people who were camped there waiting the arrival of the small fish, etc. Returned to Fishery Bay, 11 a.m., by the light of the moon, a tramp of five miles over the ice; another day at Fishery Bay, with a blessed time at night; next morning left for the steamer at Naas Cove; thence to Simpson, calling at four camps on the way to hold service, etc.; got back to Simpson just as the bell was ringing for service. It was a good trip, in spite of the strong winds, severe cold, snow, etc. This has been the longest winter we have seen since we have been on the coast, and still it continues on.

The measles having broke out amongst the Simpson people, keeps Dr. Bolton very busy.

## The Home Work.

**Bonne Bay** (Newfoundland Conference).—The missionary writes as follows: Enclosed you will find the names of our juvenile collectors and the sums they have gathered. I am pleased to say that we have made a good advance in missionary contributions on this mission for the present year. We had no outside help for our meetings, but Messrs. S. Avery, J. Campbell, W. Stanford and other friends, threw themselves into the work most enthusiastically. The result, by God's blessing, is that for two years following we have gone forward. Last year we went from the \$37.00 of 1891-92 to \$42.61, and this year we have got up to \$95.00. This has been achieved, I believe, partly by the interesting and instructive character of the meeting, and partly by the method we have of taking up the collection. In every place we have two collections. First, what is called the "negroes' collection," which is, every one who gives a dollar or upward brings it to the front; then we go round with the box to gather the smaller sums. At one place the children were very anxious to give something, they had no money, but most of them had some rabbit skins. We announced that we would have a rabbit skin collection, and at the meeting we were delighted to see them bring some four and a half dozen skins up to the platform. These we sold and the proceeds go into the fund.

My excuse for troubling you with this note, is the hope you expressed in one of the tracts on missions. I received a large number of letters telling of such advances.

G. EDGAR HEAL.

**Cornwall Island** (Montreal Conference).—We are glad to learn from the Chairman of the Matilda District, Rev. George Rogers, that as the results of thorough evangelistic and educational work on the part of the missionary, Rev. E. Tennant, there are encouraging signs of progress on that Mission. There are three or four appointments, 28 families, 119 persons, of whom 38 are members all meeting in class. Bro. Tennant is educating them to give. The missionary services were successful, and the contributions are much in advance of last year. They are now talking of holding a camp-meeting in June.

**Emsdale** (Toronto Conf.).—The work has advanced very pleasantly on this mission, marked by progress in various lines. During the first six months here, *itinerating* was our experience, with a strong emphasis, having no less than five moves between Conference and Christmas time. But these discomforts are of the past, and now we are settled in the comfortable new parsonage. The parsonage has been erected at a cost of \$700, and compares favorably with any in the District, or indeed, in the Conference. A subscription of \$200 has been raised, and there is prospect of an additional \$100; and apart from the above, \$90 has been spent for furniture. The connexional funds all show an advance. The collections and subscriptions at our missionary services on Feb. 25th, show an increase of fifty per cent. over last year, so this mission will aid in reaching the quarter of a million mark. Special services were held at Emsdale appointment, beginning the second week in January, resulting in about twenty conversions, half of whom are heads of families. We trust for a continuation of the work in our ordinary means of grace. There is great pleasure and encouragement working among such zealous and faithful people as we have here. W. CRAWFORD SANDERSON.

**Kamloops** (B. C. Conf.).—Since entering upon our work here in June last, we have had many signs of success. The Sabbath and week-night services have been kept up regularly and have been seasons of blessing. The congregations have increased at all these services and we have seen some conversions in the ordinary services. An Epworth League has been formed and regular meetings have been held, many of which have been very interesting and profitable. Our