

There are at

VICTORIA

and its vicinity Indians in sufficient number to warrant the labors of a missionary. The white brethren have done nobly in keeping up the services; but they cannot devote their time to teaching and visiting, as they are business men and have their affairs to attend to. If we had a good, stirring male teacher who would live amongst the Indians, and in his spare moments visit and care for the strangers who flock here by hundreds at times, a very effective work could be carried on.

We had hoped to build a church at

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this spring, but the recommended missionary grant not being forthcoming, we have had to defer it. In the summer season from 1,000 to 2,000 Indians congregate there to take part in the salmon fishing. Numbers of those people are members of our Church from different parts of the land, and it can be easily understood how they will get astray unless there is some place of worship, and some one to care for them while the season lasts. There are a few Indians who reside there permanently.

There are other places that ought to be visited and cared for, but until we can get help, will find it next to impossible to do anything.

Members: Chilliwack, 78; Nanaimo, 5; Victoria, 12. Total, 95.

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NICOLA INDIANS.

We thankfully report that divine grace has enabled us to work among the Indians here during the past seven months. We began the mission on Oct. 1st, 1884, and, at a meeting held then, the Indians promised to assist in erecting a school-house, which is at present only partially built. During the cold weather we preached in the house of one of the natives. We now occupy a log church which is not furnished. We have six appointments where our services are cordially welcomed. We reside at Shorlosh (or Niack) reserve, which is about the middle of our field. We visit Shehan, twenty-five miles distant, on the Nicola River, and then go to Spence's Bridge, on the Thompson, fifteen miles further. Then in the opposite direction, we go as far as Douglas Lake, forty miles distant, calling at Nicola Lake and Quilshanna on the way; besides other bands which we occasionally visit, when the Indians are at home. The desire of these people for the Word is encouraging, and the eagerness of their children to learn bids us to hope for the future. Although actual conversions have not occurred, so far as we know, yet the preparatory instruction will yet bear fruit, we trust, by the blessing of God. Thank God for His guidance so far, and for the ability which He gives us for this work. We have chosen this field as our life's work, and in the name of the Lord of Hosts expect to triumph, and win souls for Him.

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