

On Christmas-eve, we enjoyed a pleasant time around the Christmas-tree. The Indian children seem to take as much delight in this kind of thing as do the white children. In fact, the old people seem to enjoy it as much as the children. Several kind friends sent us toys, books, and other little presents wherewith to make glad the hearts of our Indian children in this distant corner of the earth.

Then, on New Year's-eve, we had a magic lantern entertainment, which greatly delighted both young and old. This was followed by watch-meeting, when a large number stood up for Jesus, and promised to live for Him through the next year. It was a profitable occasion to all. Quite a number of the Roman Catholic Indians joined us in our festivities and services, for which they have been called to account by the priest. They are generally fined from \$1 to \$5 for mingling with the heretics. We have had two Catholic children in our school for some time, but they were removed at Christmas. The parents were told that they had sent their children to the devil's school, and unless they removed them at once, they would become black like devils; and so the children have been taken away, not to attend a Catholic school, but to grow up in ignorance at home. When will this cruel reign of darkness be over?

We have now twenty-nine children in the school, some of whom ought to be removed to an institute where they might be taught trades, and thus be fitted to compete with white people in gaining an honest livelihood. But we have no industrial school, and our fear is, we will have to let those growing boys go back to their homes with just enough education to make them think they know everything, while, in reality, the foundation has just been laid. There are industrial schools in this province, ostensibly Government schools, but really Roman Catholic. Can we not, with all our influence and resources, have a Methodist Industrial School in British Columbia?

Last year we organized ourselves into a Quarterly Official Board, the first among the Indians in this province, and have been trying to run our churches on the same lines as the white people. We held our second quarterly meeting on the last day of the old year. We have promised to raise \$100 towards the missionary's salary, and both quarters' receipts are a little over the mark. Besides this, we have raised over \$200 for church extension, and expect to make a considerable raise on missionary subscriptions, pay up our superannuated fund assessment, and make collections for other connexional funds.

The Indians have not much money; very often, in giving a subscription, they give all the money they possess.

We are earnestly praying for showers of revival blessing, and would take this opportunity of asking our friends throughout the Dominion to pray for us in their missionary prayer-meetings and at other times, specially making mention of the Indian work on the Fraser River.

TWENTY-SIX lepers were recently baptized at Purulia (Chota Nagpore), India, making in all 118 adult lepers received into the Church since the commencement of the Asylum at this place two years ago.

Facts and Illustrations.

REV. J. ZELLER, missionary at Jerusalem, says that the Roman Catholics make no secret of their intention to conquer Palestine for their Church. Caravans of more than five hundred arrive each year, composed mostly of priests and nuns. They enter the city preceded by a banner having the motto of the old Crusaders: "*Dieu le veut.*"

THE Rev. Hiram Bingham, of the American Board, has just completed the translation of the Old Testament into the language of the Gilbert Islanders, seventeen years after translating the New Testament. He began this work over thirty-one years ago, but did the last half of it within the past two years, giving his whole time to it.

Two young ladies of New York, the Misses Perry, are going to Japan at their own charges to labor in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Mission. There are hundreds of Christians in America who have means enough for support, and could go to heathen lands to preach the Gospel if the love of Christ constrained them.

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