

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA AND NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

Flathead Indians..... Charles M. Tate.

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FLATHEAD INDIANS.

After an absence of four years, spent amongst the Bella Bella Indians, on the north-west coast, we are brought again to labor among the Flathead tribes of this land.

It was a matter of great grief to us to find them so demoralized; and yet, surprising almost to find them so well as they were, considering that they had been neglected so long.

On the first Sabbath after our return, our hearts were cheered and blessed to see how the poor creatures rallied. The flowing tears and glowing testimonies in the fellowship meeting told of the heart-felt gratitude for the return of their missionary. Sabbath after Sabbath throughout the whole winter the services were all well attended, some of them trudging seven or eight miles, amid storm and sunshine alike. It is pleasing to see how the people rally, yet it will take a long time to regain what we have lost.

We have succeeded at five of the appointments in re-establishing the classes, and they are all doing well. We trust that our coming camp-meeting may be the means of thoroughly reviving the work. But whilst we are doing what we can for the people spiritually, we feel the great need of an educational institution for their mental improvement. We have kept up a day-school since last autumn at the village nearest to our home, with an attendance of from six to fifteen scholars; but as there are a dozen or more of such villages within a radius of fifty miles, and at distances too great for them to attend a day-school at any central point, we have come to the conclusion that it is absolutely necessary to establish a boarding-school, which might eventually be turned into an industrial institution.

We have made several visits to the coast, and trust that our ministrations have not been in vain; but in order to do effective missionary work, we need teachers at some of the most important points.

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with its 250 Indians, and where so much missionary labor has been expended, is in a most deplorable condition. Some of the brightest gems of Christianity have been gathered from that old camp, and laid as trophies at the Saviour's feet. They are now surrounded by every kind of vice, and with the exception of the Sabbath-school, conducted by Bros. Whitefield and Manson, from the city, nothing whatever is being done to educate them. We ought, by all means, to have a day-school there

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