

INDIAN AND CHINESE.

A letter from Rev. J. McDougall, of November 26th, brings the good news:—

“The new building at the Orphanage is now about covered in. Yesterday the furnace was delivered and the plasterers came. We feel it is but a matter of a few weeks now when we will be able to occupy it.”

From Miss Cartmell.

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With regard to the Port Simpson property, unless two acres were bought we could hardly get suitable ground for the school. Mr. L. will not cut up his land into lots yet, so in order to get the part on the hill where there would be good drainage and pure air, we will, it seems, be obliged to buy the lower piece. I believe one acre would do, if we could buy the upper portion, but the lower one seems very objectionable, below the hill and too near the Indian houses. They say the land can be made productive by bringing up the sand from the shore, but if you saw the children “packing” it up in bags on their backs, you would think it slow and hard work. If a dog-cart drawn by a mule could be obtained, the difficulty would disappear. Such a thing is not in Port Simpson at present. I would be sorry to see our girls kept at this work, or find the sea-shore a play-ground. I felt it was this kind of work taking them through the Indian village daily that caused the teachers so much trouble by keeping them in constant touch with the people and informed of all that transpires. It was while off for sand that the little girl who ran away while I was there learned of her grandfather going away, and she made up her mind to go too. Instead of going to school, she ran off, and was in the boat off from the shore when Miss Hart appeared on the scene.

Every day I am so thankful for the peace that is granted me in the “Home.” Miss Leake is away, yet the girls are doing very well. I believe they try to do right, though the training and discipline of life seem hard sometimes. They