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AND now again we are asked to pray for the Indians. Do we ever forget them? Can we forget them? Can we forget the story of their wrongs? Surely none of us can who have read them, as told by Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson in her pathetic story of Ramona or the "owre true" tale as given us by the faithful historians. Many white men have added to their wrongs by giving them the "fire water," rightly named, which only leads down to deeper degradation and death. Shall we not give them the pure, blessed gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which alone can elevate them and which has already proved in many instances "able to raise them from the death of sin to a life of righteousness." Mrs. Walker who, as Miss Knight, was our first missionary to Port Simpson is now resting among us. She has told us many interesting facts of her life there, and we hope that some time she will weave them into a communication for our pages. This month she contributes an interesting letter on the Cape Mudge Indians among whom she now has her home.

All our young readers will be interested in the sketch of Miss Sadie Hart (now Mrs. Spencer) kindly furnished us this month. Much might have been said, had time and space permitted, of her "labors more abundant,"—of the hospital work she had to do—how for long days and nights she nursed the Indian girls, all down with the measles at once—of the weariness of heart and brain till the long watched for relief came. Well, it is all written in the record laid up on high!

Some of our last year's subscribers who have not renewed their subscriptions may have received the

January and February Nos. of this year. In explanation we would say that we were late in starting last year, and think it better that some should have extra copies than that any subscriber should be missed. After this, however, the paper will only be sent to subscribers.

Any subscriber not receiving the paper will please communicate with the editor.

ERRATA—In Board report Dec No. for soldiers in Kofu read Tokio.

They were the Kings Daughters in connection with the Azabu school who contributed to the China mission.

Between the *newness* of a new printer and the too hasty reading of the proof, our January No. was dated December, a mistake which, we are quite safe in asserting, will not happen again.

Interesting communications have been received from Japan and China which will ere long appear in our pages. We fully appreciate the kindness of these busy, far-away workers.

Thanks to our Sarnia correspondent. Cousin Joy has reserved her nice letter for next No.

More "Band notes" from N. B. and P. E. I. branch also reserved.

AN INDIAN TALE.

THE FIRE LEGEND.

LD Wilt Shoon shivered and drew her shawl closer to her as she moved about the dismal little room putting away the bark mat. She had been weaving and busying herself in preparing for the evening meal. Often she went to the little window and looked far up the road, but as often she left it muttering indistinctly to herself, and shaking her head; the daylight was fast changing to twilight and from twilight to heavy thick darkness. The wind grew stronger and the rain had changed from a gentle downfall, little more than mist, to heavy raindrops that splashed harder and harder against the little window. The small house shook with the heavy gusts of wind. It was only one room and had but little to make that room comfortable. The walls were blackened by smoke; and around the chimney piece, built from the centre of the roof to form a cover over the fire in the middle of the floor, hung many dried salmon and small fish, part of the winter's food, several Indian boxes in one corner, probably containing food, three or four little benches, a small low table, two beds in different corners completed the furniture of the house.