

Letter from GEORGE EDGAR, *Native Teacher, dated*
HAG-WIL-GET, UPPER SKEENA, B.C.,
March 2nd, 1888.

IT gives me great pleasure to write and tell you that God has been helping us through this hard winter. The seed of God's word has been sown in the hearts of these poor Hag-wil-get people, and we believe it will bring forth good fruits. We have already nine join our mission, and forty-five children come to school. We had a blessed time at Christmas; sixty-two young people singing through the village at night, and after that the devil came and took them away from school. We have been praying that God would trouble the hearts of the heathen around us; and God answered our prayer in sending the great sickness among us. About two hundred children died with measles in six weeks on this river. My dear little boy was amongst the number, twenty-two months of age; and now he is with Jesus. Dear Dr. Sutherland, I never forget your preaching at Port Essington; it warms my heart. I was at Essington at that time interpreting to Bro. Jennings, it was my duty first year on this mission work, and after I was sent over to Queen Charlotte Islands to teach and preach the Gospel to Haida tribes at Gold Harbor. God has blessed His own work over that country. Again I was sent to the Upper Naas people to teach them how God loves the poor Indians; and now I am up here with my wife and my four children to work for Christ, and to lead the poor lost souls to the foot of the cross. We need all the prayers of our white Christian friends, that we may be faithful unto death. We send our Christian love to all white brothers.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Letter from REV. J. EMBREE.

WE held our missionary meetings, and were short about ten dollars of last year. Times were so bad, and so few could help us, that I feared we would be back some, which I always dislike much. The Methodist population of Fogo, at the last census, was less than two hundred. It is one of the few places in Newfoundland where Methodism has made slow progress, yet our cause is good and the future hopeful. We have a fine parsonage, well furnished and new, worth, as it is to-day, about \$2,500, with debt of \$700, which gives some trouble these hard times, small as it is. Our church is well finished, and worth \$2,000; it is free from debt. The school-house is new, and worth \$800, is in debt about \$250. We have fifty day-school scholars doing good work. The Sabbath-school, under the superintendence of J. G. Lucas, Esq., is prospering. In two other places on the Circuit there are new buildings for church services, worth \$2,500. The smaller one is free from debt, but is not quite finished. Two years ago, where it stands, we had no one who called himself a Methodist, now we have a society, Sabbath-school, etc. On the larger one, there is a debt of about \$500. The Circuit is now well furnished for good work, which is being carried forward vigorously by warm-hearted workers. The total Methodist population on the Circuit is about 500, most of them fishermen, from whom we get but little, from some none at all

these poor years, for the reason that they do not get half enough for themselves, yet the good Lord feeds them. Next to miracles have taken place this winter to relieve some in want; one little boy had snares set for rabbits, in one of which he caught a fox, which sold for \$6.00. Every week we have seen strong men carrying allowances of flour, provided by Government, to keep their families alive since the New Year. Just as the time came for these supplies to be stopped, by the good providence of God, a few seals were taken, which will help for a few weeks. There are very few Methodists reduced to such poverty. The sight is a sad, disheartening one; what a mercy if these bad years have passed to have no successors. On a few of our people, who get wages, or do business, or who have been fortunate in the past and laid by some money, came the burden of keeping the Circuit up, which they have done through all this hardship. When I found our missionary receipts were down, I went to the Sabbath-school with a handful of collecting cards, hoping to find a few who would face the difficulty of collecting with but little prospect of success. Many hands were held up when volunteers were asked for. I gave out all the cards, and in the evening told the congregation to expect any number of collectors to call on them, explaining what it was for. Next morning cards were going everywhere; everyone seemed to enjoy it; it was said I let loose the wolves on them. They have been bringing their cards in to-day with surprising sums, making a total of \$33.62.

THE HOME WORK.

Ardrea (Toronto Conference)—Formed two years ago, has each year paid into the missionary treasury more than it has received. At one appointment, Ulthoff, a new church has been built and freed from debt, and a good Sabbath-school organized. The missionary contributions are fifty per cent. in advance of last year. There was also an increase in nearly all the other connexional funds. Revival services have resulted in the quickening of the church and the conversion of sinners.

Lansdowne (Manitoba Conference)—This is a new field, part of which was taken from Neepawa and formed into a mission at the last Conference. The success of the year proves the wisdom of the action. All the funds of the Society are in good shape, and the minister has been paid every dollar promised. Next year the field will be self-sustaining. The spiritual life of the membership is good, and the returns show a very respectable increase. A. L. R. ALDRIGE.

Hall's Bridge (Bay of Quinte Conference)—The interest in church work is manifest on this mission. The church at Wesley appointment has been renovated, a large shed built for the accommodation of the horses, and a wire fence put around the entire property, adding much to its appearance and value. At Taylor's appointment, a Sunday-school has been organized and is working successfully. Lakehurst appointment is wonderfully improved. A year ago, with a membership of five, the congregation worshipped in a little log school-house, now they have a beautiful and commodious, brick church, and a membership of