

position to offer them—and accorded to us every encouragement and courtesy which it was in their power to offer.

4. We also conferred with other parties, friends of the Society and supporters of Mr. Duncan, and we found that in the minds of the latter especially, there was considerable misapprehension as to the past action of the Committee, which we endeavoured to remove.

5. By the first steamer after our arrival at Victoria, we proceeded to Metlakatla, where we were very cordially received, not only by the Indians who adhere to the Society, but by those also who seceded with Mr. Duncan. A party of the latter, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and darkness of the evening, met us on the beach on landing from the Bishop's boat, and carried up our luggage to a house belonging to one of the Indians attached to Mr. Duncan, which, through his good offices, was kindly vacated for us by the owner, Mrs. James O'Reilly, a widow—and prepared for our occupation by Mrs. Tomlinson, with every regard to our comfort.

5a. As we had been led by Mr. Duncan to expect, we found that there were very few Indians in Metlakatla when we arrived on the 19th April, and we had a day or two to get information and to see something of the village—which has a frontage of about two-thirds of a mile, with very little depth—before the Indians returned from the annual ocean fishing on the Naas River.

6. We observed that several canoes daily came in from the north, and on the 22nd Mr. Tomlinson called in the afternoon and informed us that there were about as many Indians then present as we should find at any one time in the place, for although many were absent in quest of seals and fur-bearing animals, those who had returned would shortly leave again for salmon-fishing and work at the canneries, which are in operation towards the end of May. We therefore arranged a meeting with the Indians attached to Mr. Duncan exclusively, at eight o'clock the same evening. They wished the meeting to be restricted to themselves alone.

7. Mr. Tomlinson informed us that David Leask would interpret our addresses, to which arrangement we gladly assented, but observed that we should require a competent interpreter to be present in the interests of the Church Missionary Society—not necessarily to interpret, but to assure us that our addresses were accurately communicated to the Indians. To this, Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the Indians, at first demurred, as an arrangement that would be distasteful to them; but on its being stated by us to be essential, he promised to explain to the Indians our reasons; and it was so arranged. We obtained the

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