

grace, which spread to distant places. The people who came to Fort Simpson and heard the Gospel went home, and soon messages came from them to Mr. Crosby, begging him to visit them. He went to Queen Charlotte Sound, where there was a similar ingathering of souls; thence to Bella Bella, to Bella Coola and to many other places. In each settlement he remained preaching and teaching until a church was organized, and he could safely proceed to a new field.

#### THE "GLAD TIDINGS."

The extremities of this chain of missionary stations were two hundred miles apart, and this distance was covered by Mr. Crosby, in his journeyings to and fro, by canoe. For more than ten years he kept up this laborious and often perilous mode of travel, rowing, on an average, 2,000 miles in a year. But in 1882 he realized that some better mode of locomotion could no longer be dispensed with. He must have a steamboat, which would save time and labour. Remembering his former success in Ontario, he returned there, and lecturing and appealing to the churches, he succeeded in raising a small fund for the purpose. With the aid of a sailor, who had been converted in one of his meetings, he built the boat; a small engine, which would propel it at the rate of seven knots an hour, was purchased and put in, and thus equipped, Mr. Crosby resumed his labours.

The statistical results of these long years of labour are remarkable. There are now twenty-three churches