

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FORT SIMPSON.

NOTWITHSTANDING the disabilities always attendant upon the establishment of a new Mission at a remote distance from civilized communities, the Rev. T. Crosby and his devoted wife are cheerful and happy in their toilsome work to which they have voluntarily consecrated themselves, prompted by love to Christ, and the souls of Indians redeemed by His precious blood. Fort Simpson is upwards of 500 miles distant from Victoria, and not very far away from the borders of Alaska. Already we have "tokens for good" among a people who long sat in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Letter from the Rev. THOS. CROSBY, dated Fort Simpson, B.C., Jan. 20, 1875.

As near three months have passed away since we had a mail, and as we now begin to look for the steamer *Otter*, I commence in time to give you a few items of interest from this far-off part of the Master's vineyard. I think I told you in my last we received the lumber for building from Victoria very late in the fall. The wet, cold weather, and very short days, and yet our Mission-house was commenced by myself and Indians; and amidst rain and frost and snow, we worked on, until the week before Christmas we were so far on, that we were able to move into it. Still a great deal of work will have to be done, when fine weather comes, to finish and make a good comfortable house of it. We were obliged to move, as Mr. Morrison, of the Fort, wanted the house we were living in. Thanks are due to the Hudson's Bay Company for their kindness in assisting us thus at the commencement of our work here; and we have received great kindness from the manager and family, who have done all they could to help us, and I trust they may find the mission a blessing to them as to others. We have spent on the house besides lumber, bricks, nails, doors, and windows, which were sent from

Victoria, and of which I have received no account as yet, for—

Lumber cutting, packing, &c.....	\$43 00
Shingles.....	30 00
Foundation digging, cleaning, &c....	10 00
Logs.....	4 00
All the work to the present.....	217 80
Total.....	\$304 80

And we have also got out nearly all the heavy timber for the main building of the church, which amounts to about 30,000 feet altogether, and we have this with a great part of lumber on the spot, ready to commence building as soon as the weather will permit. I should like very much if we could have the building so far ready that we might worship in it by next August.

I have paid out so far on this part of the work:—

Cleaning, digging, &c.....	\$50 50
Cutting lumber, &c.....	67 25
Getting out timber.....	150 75
Logs.....	100 87½

Now this has all been done by the subscription taken up here, a copy of which I will send you, and I hope it may be printed. I have not, as yet, received a dollar from the Chairman, which as you will see leaves me a little in debt. Now I think you will say with me, that so far these poor people have done nobly; for besides