

years of age were with us for some time, but are now off with their parents on their winter hunt. These have been attending the English School that is already established at the Mission; and those who remain permanently with us are making some progress, and are beginning to understand, and to repeat, English. We have not yet sufficient house room, nor have we had the means of clothing and feeding a greater number, or we might have many more children residing at the Mission; and we are assured by those who have visited us from the plains, that there are many of the Indians *there* who would gladly give up their children to the Mission to be educated.

My dear young friends, it is in this work I wish to have your help. It would be very easy for many of your Schools to furnish the means of maintaining one or two Indian children, each, at the Mission—so far as I can calculate, at present, Fifty Dollars a year would be sufficient to maintain one such child. By doing this you cannot imagine what a blessing you will confer upon these children, and through them, on the whole Indian population in this country. Instead of being poor, wandering, half-starved, painted and feathered savages, entertaining all the ancient superstitions of their race, they would become settled, civilized, educated, and we hope *Christian* men and women, exercising an influence for good on all their people.

Besides dropping your cents into your missionary boxes, you might help to prepare boxes of clothing, and other useful articles, for the children at the Mission; and for my part I would send you a letter, occasionally, to let you know what progress we are making.

Now I hope that many of your Schools and Classes will answer this letter by becoming contributors to the Mission—many besides those who have already done so. I see by the last report that our Foreign Mission Committee spent a good deal more money during the year than they received. If you, my young friends, will all do what you are able to do, this will not be the case another year. When you meet in your comfortable class-rooms, and enjoy the instructions of your kind teachers, and think of the peace and happiness you enjoy, because of the religion in which you are instructed, and when you think of the hope of enjoying Heaven at last; then remember the poor wanderers in this great wilderness, constantly stealing from and fighting against each other; who never know a better home than a leather tent; who possess none of the sweet comforts you enjoy, and have no distinct notion of how they may be happy after death—remember them—pray for them, and give from your savings to help to raise them to a better condition, and you shall have the blessing of God resting all the more fully on your own souls. With an earnest prayer that you all may be saved,

I am your sincere friend,
JAMES NISBET.

LETTER FROM REV. R. JAMIESON.

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 16th, 1868.

REV. W. McLAREN, Convener, F. M. C.,

MY DEAR SIR,—I enclose a copy of the congregational committee's report and accounts for 1867. It is not nearly so favourable as we anticipated at the beginning of the year. This is not because of any lack on the part of those connected with us. On the contrary, I am bound to say on their behalf, that according to their number and means, you have no congregation, (so far as I know or have heard of), in Canada to surpass, and few, if any, to equal them in contributing. For, remember, that our