

children, in all grades of dress and undress, as they, amid much chatter and laughter, loaded coal on board. In the eight hours there fourteen hundred tons were loaded, and all with little baskets that held about a peck each. They formed a ladder by means of boards, and then one stood on each step, from the barge to the steamer, and so the baskets were passed quickly from hand to hand, and when at last emptied were dropped to the barge below to be picked up quickly and refilled and again passed up the living elevator. 'Tis the fastest coaling station in the world. One rough day on the water between Nagasaki and Shanghai reminded me again that I'm a poor sailor, and made it no hard task to say good-bye to the white steamer that had been the bridge between two continents. We hope to get started up the river soon after Mr. Cady's arrival.

INDIAN WORK.

Medical Missions.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., March 13th.

From the hospital Dr. Bolton writes :

Miss Spence's strength has been quite restored by her rest, and Miss Lawrence is doing nicely.

We have had in from seven to nine patients since our return, and have admitted altogether during that time twenty-four, one white man and twenty-three Indians. Of the latter, fourteen came from this town, and nine from places at a distance, Bella Bella, China Hat, Hartly Bay, etc.; none from any heathen village this winter. I am sure each inmate receives some spiritual good from his residence with us. Services are frequently held in the wards by ourselves, and by Mr. Crosby and other visitors. Those that can read a little are supplied with Bibles and good books in simple language; the nurses instruct them in reading, etc.; Bible scenes and religious pictures are used as well as other means to enlighten and instruct, and to deepen spiritual impressions.

We are enlarging the building now so as to have one more room for our own family and two more for patients. I also intend (D.V.) to erect a summer building at Port Essington, where we can care for about eight patients. The funds for this