

NO LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

They deserve credit for resisting successfully the introduction of the liquor traffic, so that no intoxicating drink is sold in the Valley.

SCHOOLS.

Two school-houses have been built during the summer, and a young man, trained at the Normal School, Toronto, has been appointed teacher. The school-houses serve as churches for the time being, as it is not thought advisable to undertake church-building for some time, the people in most places being a considerable distance apart.

CLASS MEETING AND INDIANS.

I have organized a class of ten members, also a Sabbath-school for both whites and Indians. Of the latter there are said to be some three or four hundred in the Valley, for whom, virtually, nothing has been

done to elevate them socially or morally. I preach to them sometimes in Chinook and sometimes through an interpreter.

INDIAN SCHOOL WANTED.

I wish very much you could see your way to establish a day-school among the Indians. I look upon our work among them as largely in vain without schools; they require constant attention, and it is not to be wondered at, considering their antecedents. If many of our people saw the degraded state and ignorance of thousands of poor Indians through this land, I am sure the contributions would be so largely increased, that there would be no need for talking of retrenchment in this day of Gospel progress, nor would the missionary have to go without his allotted salary. May God bless you and the Society at large.

From the REV. THOMAS CROSBY, dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 3rd, 1875.

It is so long since I wrote you that I hardly know where to begin. Want of time and not want of matter has been my reason for not writing. Our church building has been a great tax on me the past summer, so that I have had but little time for anything else. With a desire to have the work done as soon and as cheaply as possible, I have had to be leader myself, and to be at it early and late. I had even to go to the woods to get out timber, not with oxen or horses, or even dogs. Our mode is to chop down the trees and haul the logs out of the woods by hand, with ropes, and raft them. There were some of them so large that this was no light work—some for the tower were 45 feet long, 15×15 when hewn. However, by perseverance and hard work and the blessings of Providence we have got so far on that we might have service in the church had we seats, but as our timber has run out we have had to abandon the work for the present. A saw mill is being built a few miles from us which will likely be

working in a short time; then we hope to get the lumber still required much cheaper than we could from Victoria. There is a great deal of work to be done yet, some on the outside, also the ceiling to be put up, and the seats to be made. Then we must have it painted in order to preserve it, there is so much rain.

Great credit is due to Mr. Bennett, of Hamilton, builder, for the kind manner in which he worked with the Indians; as well also for the way the framing was done. I think it could not have been done better. We shall have a good, plain, substantial church when completed, 50 + 80 feet, with a ceiling 40 feet high; tower and spire in front 110 feet high. From the harbour it presents a very good appearance, and can be seen for many miles out to sea, as the boats and canoes come from the north.

The chairman sent word that we should not be able to put up the spire on account of the expense. The people felt so disappointed about this that they went to the woods themselves