

spirit that they might have a safe passage up and down the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are now settled down in a log house with four rooms—one of which is set apart as the Indians' "room." They will not receive any mails until Spring, and the nearest white person is thirty miles distant from them. They are, however, very happy in their work, and full of plans for its development.

Oh, dear girls of our Mission Circles and Bands, does not the self-sacrifice of Sadie Hart appeal to you? You who are living pleasant, sheltered lives, will you not

"Give these heroic souls kind thought,
And pray for them, for they have wrought
Perchance, sometimes, the things you ought,
Although they miss
Some love you could not live without,
They know some things you only doubt;
God blesses them, and they are blest,
And deem their own glad life the best,
So full of joy, and work, and rest"

M. W.

FIELD STUDY FOR FEBRUARY.

Our prayer this month is "for the Indians and for the Methodist orphanage in Newfoundland."

We ought all to be interested in the Indians. If you ask me why, I will remind you that at the time America was discovered the land was possessed by Indians who looked upon it as their own, and no doubt loved its forests and streams as you love your homes. But the white men came (you can read all about it in American and Canadian histories.—it is a sad story) and took possession of the land in the name of their kings. Instead of dealing kindly with the Indians and making treaties with them on good terms, the white men were very selfish and did not consider their rights at all. They constantly drove them back and the poor Indians suffered many hardships under their cruel policy. Many tribes have gradually disappeared.

Now we do not believe that God made this great country only for the Indians; in that case it would not have been discovered. He meant to give those who have great privileges the opportunity to teach those who have none, so we, in this enlightened age of the world, are using the opportunity He affords us to give the Indian children a knowledge of the one true God.

For that purpose we have, as you know, schools in British Columbia and our own North West. The Port Simpson Home is one in which we are much interested. There were 30 girls in this school last year, all Christians but one, as late as September, and they were hoping soon to see her won for Christ.

If there was only space I would like to tell you of the conversion of one little girl called Olive. Perhaps you will hear of that again. Miss Knight, now

Mrs. Walker, was the first missionary of our H. M. Society sent to Port Simpson. She did good work for five years among the Indian children and led many of them to Christ; nursed them when they were sick and trained them when well. Her stories of the Indians in general, and especially of the Christian Indians, are very interesting. She corrects the impression that they are stoical and ungrateful. She found them quite emotional and very grateful for any kindness. When she was sick (having nursed them long weeks) two of them utterly refused to leave her, day or night, and begged her not to die.

Their memory is something wonderful. Mr. Crosby offered Bibles as rewards for scripture verses. Even the oldest would come and repeat 70 or 80 verses, so anxious were they to possess the word of God. One old woman came with a lot of beans—they were all marked to help her remember her verses. One old Indian was paralyzed; he had the Bible placed beside his bed. They asked him "why," since he could not read—He said he could put his hand on it in the night and remember that the promises were there. So you see they can't each us something too,—to value the Word of God.

In the home at Chilliwack, further south, a good education is being received by the Indian girls, so that they were able last year to take as high standing as any girls in B. Columbia in the same grade. The event of last year there, was the moving into the new Home—the old one, you remember, was destroyed by fire. A new nurse has been granted to Dr. Bolton's hospital, where good work is being done by Miss Spence, our agent there.

I hope you will all remember to pray for these Indian girls, and also for the little orphans who are kindly cared for in the Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland. S. E. S.

QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

- What must we pray for this month?
- Why should we be interested in the Indians?
- Who came and took away their lands?
- How were they treated?
- Did God mean this country only for the Indians?
- What did He mean to do?
- What did he mean us to do?
- Where have we schools?
- What can you tell of the Port Simpson school?
- Who was our first missionary there?
- How long was she there and what did she do for the Indian girls?
- What does she say of the Christian Indians?
- What did the girls do for her?
- What can you tell of the Indian's memory?
- What did Mr. Crosby do?
- Did the old people learn?
- What about the Indian who was paralyzed?
- What can they teach us?
- What can you tell of the Indian girls in the Chilliwack Home?
- What was the event of last year to them?
- What of Dr. Bolton's hospital?
- Who must we remember to pray for?