

letters in those days. In one, in speaking about the Government land, etc., he said: "Our chief business is to preach Christ." So it is! But visits I made to Dr. Wood, when last in Ontario, were made a great blessing to my own soul; and when I talked about our trials in having to part with our little ones, he shed a tear of sympathy, and said he understood it all. His counsel and advice in reference to the work of God will, I trust, be a lasting blessing to us.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Letter from REV. A. E. GREEN, dated, GREENVILLE, NAAS RIVER, B.C., February, 17th, 1888.

THE fever has ceased to spread; we have had no deaths from it for four weeks, and but few are now sick. But now it is over, we begin to realize how many have gone, and some we miss very much, but rejoice that they died so happy. The chiefs from Kit-hicks brought their sick here; one family brought five children very sick with the fever, and staid at the house of their eldest daughter, who is married to one of our local preachers, where I attended to them; and when I was sick, Mrs. Green continued to visit them with medicine and proper food, and they all recovered; and after staying here two months, the father was preparing to take them back to the old village. The daughter then said: "Father, you don't believe the Gospel, but when you all get sick, and you think you are going to die, you don't know what to do, so you come to the Christians and you ask them to help you, and they all pray for you, and God's servant gives you medicine, and God shows His mercy and spares all your children when so many die. And then when you get all you want, and your children are all well, you forget God and take them all back to the devil's work again. Do you think that you are doing right? I am a Christian, and I thought now you would give one of my sisters to God, and she would live here with me and be a Christian." She had spoken very earnestly, and the man did not know what to answer, so sought an excuse, and said "Yes, I should do so; I thought to give Hath-kun to be a Christian, but she is not willing." "Hear what he says," Hath-kun cried; "I have wanted to be a Christian for a long time, but father would not let me." The father now consented to her living at the mission, and she has given her heart to the Saviour, and last Sabbath was baptized with three others, the Sabbath before two, all recent converts from heathenism. God has blessed all our services very much of late, and the people are greatly encouraged as they see their heathen friends coming to the Lord. One of the young men baptized last Sabbath was first drawn here by the brass band. Being fond of music, he came to see and hear it, and then staid a few weeks hearing the word of God, discovered he was a sinner, and that the Gospel was just what he needed. He, his wife and four children have all been baptized and dressed, and in their right minds are learning from Jesus. The Indians are very superstitious; and in the heathen villages every sickness that may overtake them is laid on the medicine man. He is against them, and so they are ill. They were greatly troubled at the upper heathen villages when the fever reached

them, and they died off so quickly. They never had such a disease before, and so the old medicine men said, I had sent it on them because they were not Christians. The people believed it, and all the village met together and the medicine men said: "The missionary must be killed, or we shall all die." Then one chief proposed that they should wait a little and see if any more died, and if *five more* died the same way, then they should kill me. But before the word reached us here I was down with the fever, and our dear child was dead. They then saw their mistake, expressed their sorrow, and said they would not oppose God's work any more, and wanted me to send them a white teacher, and they would send their children to school. As our children were all ill, the day school was closed for two months, and so soon as I was able to do a little Brother Gibson went up to Kitlaktamx, and for a few weeks has been working there. The people received him gladly, and in their great sorrow (for forty-one, they say, died of the fever), gathered to hear the word of God. They say they will build a church, and will not again forbid the children going to school.

There is still great excitement about the land question. I sincerely hope the commission will be able to make some suggestions that the Government will accept, and give these people confidence and rest. They are talking of seeking a home in Alaska, if the answer to their request as made through the commissioners is not favorable, and if they cannot get any redress.

THE HOME WORK.

Tantramar.—At Anderson and at Cookville the interest in the regular preaching services is well sustained. At Rockport, God is blessing the people with His presence. During the early part of the winter we held some special services, and many who before were utterly indifferent about spiritual matters were led to seriously reflect upon their ways. Others were savingly converted to God.

A few Sabbaths ago the Superintendent preached an impressive sermon to a large and attentive congregation. At the close of the service five candidates were received into our Church, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Seven persons still remain on trial. The interest in religious services is continually increasing, and truly the Lord is opening up in this place a field for faithful work.

N. McLAUHLIN.

A REMARKABLE tribute has just been paid to woman's power and ability by the mandarins of China. The Empress Dowager has administered the government so well and wisely during her regency of twenty-three years, that a body of these high officials have extended to her an invitation to occupy the throne with the Emperor for some years. He is fifteen years of age, and has already taken steps preliminary to ascending the throne. In view of woman's position in China, this act seems a very significant one. While such respect is being paid to her, the iron should be struck—infant daughters rescued alive, girls' schools established, and women trained for their homes and heaven.—*Ex.*