

their deceptive work. They confessed before all the people that they knew they could not help any one, and promised from that hour to give it up, and to burn their mysterious boxes at once. We felt the presence of our Lord in every meeting. This village has a permanent population of about 400, but many more spend the winter there, and had no missionary or teacher till we were appointed to the field. Since that time Mr. Thomlinson of the C. M. S. has sent a native teacher, against the expressed wish of a large majority of the village.

We thank God and take courage, for it is the Lord's work. Some seeming to forget this, have thrown obstacles in our way, but these evil influences from an unexpected source, have, we trust, only driven us nearer to Jesus. We hold all our services in an Indian house, they are well attended; about one hundred meet in class, seventy-five of whom testify to having passed from death to life by faith in Christ Jesus. We have distributed seventy-five Bibles, one hundred and twenty Hymn-books, and one hundred first and second readers. Ten houses have been erected each being occupied by from nine to twelve persons.

SCHOOLS.

We have two schools, the one here has had forty-two in attendance

through the last quarter, mostly young men and women. Not having a suitable building, the cold prevented many children from attending. We hope to have a School house for next winter. The School at the upper village is faithfully taught by a young man from Fort Simpson.

That village is the darkest upon the river. We never witnessed a people sunk so low in sin before, till this winter: the Sabbath unnoticed, the sick uncared for, the old and feeble deserted, and left to starve, or dispatched by violence; there we have seen the most heart rending sights, and heard the most thrilling accounts of Pagan deeds. The doctors and conjurers held the people in slavish fear, who in their ignorance believed these men to possess supernatural power, and to be able at will, to cause sickness or death. But the Gospel is destroying their power, the light is entering and the people are asking for books; quite a number have learnt the alphabet, and are now trying to spell out Bible texts, and those who don't know a letter, are anxious to possess a Bible and Hymn-book. Let the whole Church of God pray for this poor, benighted people—that Heathenism may be overthrown by the power of the Gospel. Yea, we will all pray. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

HAPPY DEATH OF "CLAH" AN INDIAN CONVERT AND PREACHER.

Many of our readers will remember the triumphant death of David Sallasselton,* one of the first Indian converts, and remarkably gifted as a speaker: to this we now place upon our pages from the graceful pen of Mrs. Crosby, another illustration of God's mercy and saving power, as exhibited in the life and death of "Clah."

Philip McKay, of Fort Simpson, B. C., whose Indian name was "Clah," died at Wrangle, Alaska Territory, on the 27th December, 1877, aged about thirty years. When the preaching of God's word was

begun among the Tsimpseans by a few Indians who had been converted in Victoria, Philip was one of the first to come out from heathen prejudice and superstition on the side of Christ, and was baptized by

* See *NOTICES*, May, 1875, page 302.