

Chilliwack. Last year after the farmers had spent months at tilling their lands, sowing their grain, and cultivating their crops, the old Fraser brought down its floods of melted snow, completely destroying crops of every kind. A number of our Indians, who are inclined to be industrious, had sown a considerable quantity of wheat, and were calculating how much flour it would supply, thus saving the great expense of having to purchase that necessary article of food, were also greatly disappointed in seeing all their painstaking washed away by the great water-giant. We are thankful this year to see the rich grain safely garnered, instead of perishing in the floods. Added to the bountiful harvest which the land is supplying, the old Fraser, which did so much damage last year, is trying to make retribution in sending up an extraordinary quantity of salmon, which is a great staple of food among the Indians. At every Indian village you may see thousands of these members of the finny tribe drying in the sun, which quantity is very small in comparison with what the white people are catching. There are several companies established in the vicinity of New Westminster for the purpose of canning salmon. One of these companies in one day caught 17,000 fish. Hundreds of these valuable fish have had to be thrown away on account of having more than they could preserve.

The Lord has been kind to us in giving us all these temporal blessings; but we feel doubly thankful for the

spiritual harvest which we have seen brought into the garner, and our hearts have been cheered to see the gospel net coming up with heavy draughts from the dark waters of heathenism and sin.

We have two churches in course of erection, one under repair, a fourth we are supplying with a new belfry and bell, and expect to build three more churches this fall. We cannot as yet see our way clear to pay for all this work, but are trusting in Providence to provide the means. Could not some of our friends in Ontario supply us with one or two hundred dollars to assist the poor Indians, who are ever ready to help themselves even to the last farthing they possess—nay, more than this, some some of them will sacrifice the last horse or cow rather than see the house of the Lord in a destitute condition. But our people are very poor, not being able to earn more than will keep them in the necessaries of life.

Another great want of this circuit is an Assistant Missionary. I think I wrote you about Captain John, a devoted follower of the Master and willing to be spent in His service, but would have to neglect his only means of getting a living in assisting the missionary, which he could not do, as he has a family to provide for. If \$100 a year could be given him this man would give a great part of his time to the work, and thus greatly assist the missionary in building up and caring for the cause among the Indians on the Sumas and Chilliwack Circuit.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Legacy of the late Thomas Dawson, Township of Monaghan, — Richard Dawson, Executor, — for Indian Missions in the North-West	\$50 00	
A Friend to Missions, by the Rev. S. Rose :		
For Japan	\$75 00	
For Oka	25 00	
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A Friend to the Indians, for Oka		10 00