

## APPENDIX A.

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ON THE HAIDA INDIANS  
OF THE  
QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

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The following account of the Haida Indians is chiefly the result of personal observations during the portion of the summer of 1878 spent in the Queen Charlotte Islands, prosecuted during moments not occupied by the geological and geographical work of the expedition, at the camp fire in the evening, or on days of storm when it was impossible to be at work along the coast. I am also indebted to the Rev. Mr. Collison, of the Church Missionary Society, for various items of information, and largely to Dr. W. F. Tolmie, of Victoria, for comparative notes on the Tshimsians. Mr. J. G. Swan has published a brief notice of the Haidas in the Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge (Vol. XXI, 1876, No. 267.) This may be consulted with advantage on some points, more particularly on the nature of the tattoo marks of these people. The present memoir is, however, I believe the first detailed account of the Haidas which has been given.

The Haida nation appears to be one of the best defined groups of <sup>Homogeneity</sup> tribes on the north-west coast. Its various divisions or bands differ <sup>of the Haida</sup> nation. scarcely at all in customs, and speak closely related dialects of the same language. They have been from the earliest times constantly in the habit of making long canoe voyages, and taking into account the ease with which all parts of their country can be reached by water, it would indeed be difficult to explain the slight differences in dialect which are found to exist, but for the knowledge that in former times they carried on, at least occasionally, intertribal wars; besides constituting themselves, by their warlike foreign expeditions and the difficulty of pursuing them to their retreats, one of the most generally dreaded peoples of the coast, from Sitka to Vancouver Island. This warfare, however, partook of the barbarous character of that of the other American aborigines, and consisted more frequently in the