

We have had several calls from the Upper Skeena to send missionaries there, the people desiring Methodist missionaries. The interior and surrounding tribes are now on this river carrying on their small fishing operations. It is pleasing to see the heathen gathering with us at our religious services. Two weeks ago Quowk-mow, the old chief of Kit-wan-silth, who three years ago raised his people against us there, and tore the flesh from my arm, and opposed us all along, came to me bringing a lamp in his hand, saying, "I want to shake hands with you and be friends, and accept this lamp as a present from me." The following day he came to church three times. Thus the Lord is working on the hearts of the people.

Friendless girls and boys we take into the Mission House; they thus have a comfortable home, attend our day-school, and are taught useful work in the house. But our chief concern is to lead them to Jesus, and we believe our labor is not in vain. The school has been carried on through the year, the scholars making satisfactory progress. So we close the year with very encouraging prospects. Received during the year, 63; baptized, 43; removals, 13; deaths, 15; present membership, 225; increase, 35.

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Steady progress has attended the work of God on this Mission throughout the year. There have been a number of conversions, signally from among the middle-aged. Many of the older people, who used to think that Christianity might be very well for the young, but would shake their heads and laugh when told it was good for old and young, are now showing a desire to learn the truth of God's Word, and are always in their places at the hour of prayer. A short time ago an old man came to the missionary and said: "I want to pray to God before retiring to sleep, and when I awake in the morning, but do not know what to say; will you teach me?" He eagerly received the instruction given, and went away rejoicing. He came back again in a few days and said: "Now I want you to teach me how to pray before eating my food." He was told to thank God for giving him food, and ask Him to make his body strong, and to feed him with the bread of life. A great deal of the roughness that belongs to heathenism has disappeared from the village, and the people are becoming mannerly and respectful. Three of our members have died, and, thank God, they died trusting in Jesus.

Several new houses have been built, and the village ere long will put on quite a respectable appearance. The day-school has been kept up, and the children have done exceedingly well in reading, writing, and other matters of education.

We have had a native agent at Hy-hies part of the year, and the people begin to show interest both in the school and the religious services. The people at Wee-kee-no do not show much appreciation for the Gospel. We trust that as they come in contact with Christians the heathen influence will gradually weaken. There are other tribes