

Mr. Dickey recommends that a missionary should be sent to itinerate on the creeks and that such a missionary should be supplied with a dog team. He is firmly convinced that this work would be keenly appreciated by the men on the creeks and be the means of great good.

It is a matter of deep regret that, owing to the state of his health, Mr. Dickey will in all probability, have to withdraw from the field this summer.

It is encouraging to know that every mission field not only in the older provinces, but also in the Northwest and British Columbia, is this summer enjoying the services of a missionary of our church, and, so far as known, there is now no group of Presbyterian settlers in any district left without the supply of ordinances.

AN ADDED RESPONSIBILITY.

During the past four or five years, the Home Mission Committee has been indebted to congregations and friends in Britain for large contributions on behalf of the work, averaging about \$12,000 a year. These contributions were promised for a term of years. As the term has expired for which most of them were promised, we must now look to our own church providing the whole of the money required to carry on the work.

Are there not many congregations, Sabbath Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and private individuals, that will take the place of those friends from the Old Country, and become responsible for the grant necessary to maintain a large number of the newer fields in the Northwest and British Columbia?

It would be of immense benefit, not only to our Home Mission work, but to the contributors themselves, were this to be done, and now is the time to do it, so that there may be abundant opportunity to adopt systematic measures to raise the money before the close of the year. We trust that many C. E. Societies and Sabbath Schools, as well as congregations and private individuals, will take this matter up without delay.

THE INDIANS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

BY MR. JOHN W. RUSSELL, OF AHOUHAUT

"I shall be glad when we shall be able to send a teacher up the coast. One is needed for Nootka Sound for the two tribes, Neuchlaht and Neocchaht where Father Brabant is stationed. The Indians are longing for a school and a missionary. There is no school at Heshquaht.

Several of the Heshquaht Indians want to see their children to Ahousaht.

Then, there are the two tribes Ahatesaht and Neufchatlaht further up again. One teacher could take these in charge. Above them Kynquaht where is Father Sorby. Above them again the Chickhsahts with no missionary, and above them the Quatsnio Sound Indians (another language) with no teacher. All want missionaries. The more the Indians come into contact with the white men, the harder it is to impress them with the truth. We are losing time. No other church seems to come to them. They are practically waiting for us. I trust they may not wait long.

We are all quite well. The Indians have entirely recovered from the measles, though at present there are several sick with influenza.

Events have moved very fast within the last two months. Recently the tribe decided unanimously to prohibit cards, all gambling, and whiskey, from the reserve. The cards were publicly burned by the little boys of the village, and speeches were made by various Indians at the burning.

Since then a few packs of cards have been unearthed, and were burned as well. This is over a month ago. Since then, and now, there has been no gambling whatever—the longest period ever known in Ahousaht. I am getting them interested in a gymnasium, and now expect, within a month, to have something to give them in the place of their gods which they have burned.

On a recent Sabbath, nine young men spoke during service, voluntarily, renouncing evil and seeking after truth and right. A deeper interest is in evidence at all services. In short, the Ahousahts are changing and are becoming more manly in their appearance, conversation and actions. It is God's spirit that is doing this. We are moving on. They are beginning to realize that God's spirit is working in them. They are listening more fully to Christ's teachings and we are waiting for greater things than we have yet seen. Opposition is stronger in some quarters, but the triumph will be all the more glorious.

One of the many Home Mission products in the Northwest is the congregation of Macleod, Alberta, which, a small mission in 1891, is now a self-supporting charge, with church and manse practically free of debt, and a minister recently settled under most hopeful auspices.