

fair attendance will be secured. But a missionary is needed, as well as a teacher, and he must be a missionary of no ordinary courage and devotion. A man who will sit down at Nanaimo, and confine his labors there, will be worse than useless; but a man who will make that his headquarters, and from thence itinerate constantly in his canoe up and down the coast from Victoria to Comox, may win many souls for Christ. In a work like this romance must be left out of the question; mere sentiment will not do; only Pauline devotion and self-sacrifice will avail.

At VICTORIA we have a neat Indian church, and as large numbers are coming and going, especially at certain seasons of the year, someone should be on the spot to look after them. Some of our Church members are doing a good work for the Indians by means of a Sunday-school; but a good day-school, joined to watchful pastoral care, is what is needed at present. Victoria should not, I think, be made the headquarters of an Indian mission. The dangers and temptations are too many, and the Indians should be dissuaded as much as possible from going there at all; but as large numbers of them do go, on the way to or from other places in quest of work, the little church should be a haven of refuge to shield them from the dangers of the town. An earnest, faithful local preacher, competent to teach the school, would be a boon to the Indians of Victoria.

On the mainland the Rev. C. M. Tate ministers to the scattered bands up and down the Frazer, having his headquarters at CHILLIWHACK. This was a prosperous mission in Bro. Crosby's time, and also under his successor; but Bro. Tate was changed to Bella Bella, and for several years the people were without a missionary; but under the labors of Mr. Tate, who has again returned to this field, the mission is improving, and promises good results.

Two years ago an earnest request for a missionary came from the Indians in the NICOLA country. At first it seemed doubtful if a suitable man could be found for the work; but where a work needs to be done Providence never fails to find a workman. A young man from Ontario, named Pike, following in the footsteps of Thomas Crosby, went out to British Columbia at his own expense, for the express purpose of laboring for the spiritual welfare of the Indians. He carried letters to the Superintendent of the New Westminster District, and was sent at once as a teacher to the Nicola Indians. I was unable to reach his field, but reports go to show that he is developing special gifts for this work, and is reaching large numbers in various parts of the upper country.

Turning now to the coast region, PORT SIMPSON, with which the name of Thomas Crosby and his devoted wife will ever be associated, at once arrests attention as the foremost Indian mission. Twelve years ago this spot was the site of a heathen village, with all the darkness, poverty, filth, cruelty and vice characteristic of such a condition. Now there is a Christian village of 800 inhabitants. All the old heathen houses have disappeared, and have been replaced by street after street of neat cottages of various designs. A rise of