

UP AND DOWN THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST

specific cases of the hurtful presence of the white man and I have this to say in a general way: The most debased heathen life I have yet witnessed has been the direct result of the white man's whisky. The lowest representatives of humanity in all my observations were those who were under the curse of drink. When the white man comes with his drink curse to the poor Indian, then down goes the red man as low as the very beasts that roam over the mountains—yes, as low as the drink-cursed white man himself.

"At Chilcat, Sitka, Juneau, Wrangel, Port Simpson and all other Indian centres, I found the greatest blot not heathenism, but the white man's drunkenism and libertinism. I was quite in sympathy with the plan adopted by the Government, by which Missionaries were appointed as magistrates. In this way they were able to make the white whisky smuggler keep at a safe distance.

"Sometimes I feel sorry that advanced years have taken you from the kind of work we did together during our 1895 trip. Dear Dr. Crosby, your labors in my presence brought me nearer to the heart of God and nature than I had ever approached before.

"You remember how you and Captain Oliver used to plan to have me lecture at the different centres. Miners, fishermen, cannerymen, loggers, merchants, naval men, Government officers, and others, who would not go to any Christian service, were quick and ready to attend a lecture on a scientific subject. How you and the good Captain made me toe the mark on all occasions! At this distance I wonder how you managed to make me so willing to consent to your expressed desire.

"Here are some of my topics: 'All rivers run into the sea, and yet the sea is not full,' 'The Voice of Nature,' 'Praying by Plants and Animals,' 'The Balancings of the Clouds,' 'The Fountains of the Deep,' 'Converging Lines of Force and Governing Laws in the Realm of Nature.'

"When the Chairman was appointed, he was asked to call on someone of our party for a short prayer. We usually had a hymn or two before the lecture; then, when