

enquiring about the health of all his relations, far and near, closes by asking for two dollars to buy skates. Now WAH-WAH thinks Joe is one of the best wood carvers with a jack-knife he has ever seen, and if Joe will just make up a few pocket mirrors similar to one he made when at Muscowpetung School, and send WAH-WAH one, WAH-WAH will send him in return fifty cents, and Joe knows that is the fourth of two dollars.

THE CHINAMEN IN THE ROOKIES.

The Rev. C. W. Gordon of Banff writes as follows of the work among the Chinese in the Rocky Mountains, under the auspices of Mr. Thomas Paton. Mr. Paton, before coming to Canada, was engaged in China as agent of the National Bible Society of Scotland.

The work progresses slowly, as indeed we must expect. The Chinese are scattered through the mountains in little bands from 15 or 20 to 60 etc. and organized work under a single missionary must be exceedingly difficult to secure and maintain. Schools have been established and are being carried on at three or four points. The different camps are regularly visited by our missionary, who speaks to the Chinese, distributes among them Christian Chinese literature (Gospels etc.) and tries to win their confidence towards himself and towards the cause of Christianity. This latter, no easy matter, in a country where the Chinese are often shamefully abused by nominal so-called christians. The opposition of even intelligent christian (?) people to the whole mission has to be overcome. And this is especially the case among the laboring classes with whom the Chinese come in conflict. Then too many of our leading contributors to Foreign Missions seem to prefer sending money to the Chinese in China rather than to the Chinese in Canada and among not a few of our church leaders I fear there are some luke warm sentiments in regard to the whole work. The support of the Western Synod in the midst of these peculiar difficulties is especially grateful. And I do hope we may be patient for results and not be disappointed if returns are not prompt and large. I am glad to be able to report in addition to the ten members in full communion, an inquiry class of six in Revelstoke. About these little can be said, and great caution must ever be exercised in regard to the Chinaman (as indeed with the Canadians) when interest and religion run in the same or parallel lines.

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