

and when brought under the power of the Gospel, in its converting and transforming influences, are apt scholars in adopting the usages of civilization. As a proof of their industry, the Government Indian Superintendent reports, under the head of "Fish, Oil, Furs, &c.,—the "statistics of the customs show a total amount of \$273,501 exported "under this head, the greater portion of these articles has been produced by Indians." They are exceedingly anxious for Christian teachers, and when realizing the blessings of "the truth as it is in Jesus," manifest the utmost desire for the conversion of their fellow-men. The extension of the work of God among them is only limited by the want of means to increase the number of labourers. These must be chiefly drawn from the membership of the native Church, practical proof having already been given of their talent and adaptation to extend the knowledge of Christ. Under careful and judicious guidance of the Missionaries now in this field, we may anticipate an increase of churches and schools, should the increase of the Society's funds justify the Committee in enlarging the appropriations necessary to extend the work. At Port Simpson and Naas the testimonies borne to the living Church and to the death-beds of some of its members are joyous evidences of what a loving and Almighty Saviour does, in making these "brands plucked out of the fire" wise unto salvation.

VICTORIA.

Amidst the difficulties which stand in the way of our success, we have had many tokens of Divine favour on this Mission during the year. Though we have had many removals, we have had a good degree of prosperity which has greatly encouraged us in our work. We have had thirty-five removals, seventeen dropped and seven deaths. Those who leave us during the summer to work on steamboats, or at the canneries, or on the railroad, take with them a note of removal, and they are generally very faithful in presenting it to the Church where they happen to live for the time being. This is a great protection to them. Considering the many temptations to which they are subject, it is a matter of surprise, as well as of thankfulness, that so few fall from their steadfastness. The number dropped has been far exceeded by the number received. Twenty-nine—including those on trial—have been added to the Church during the year; some of them have been converted from Paganism. We have had several very happy deaths. I felt it to be a privilege to visit them, and to witness their implicit confidence and triumph in Christ. Thus have we been permitted to gather in a small portion of the harvest, as well as to sow the seed. If any of our friends who are growing cold in the cause of