

Skeena, 150 miles distant, and not alone the able-bodied, for they bring the young and helpless, and the aged and infirm; and the sick and maimed are not left behind, especially since the medical missionary's presence has become an assured fact.

A large number of Chinamen, and a few whites and Japanese, find employment at these canneries. This mixed population, under conditions of frontier life, calls for the exercise of every Christian influence available.

Earlier in the spring nearly all the surrounding country congregate along the Naas River for the Oolachan fishing, and usually a few days or weeks are spent there; and the annual visit of the doctor is eagerly looked forward to by many who find this the first opportunity for medical advice or surgical help after the sicknesses and accidents of the winter. Trips are made, as opportunity affords, to Queen Charlotte Islands, and along the coast as far south as River's Inlet.* On one of these trips recently by the *Glad Tidings* about 150 cases were examined and treated. Patients come to us from distances of 100 miles north and west, 200 miles east and 300 south.

These visiting patients, and the difficulty of managing all surgical and acute medical cases, suggested the

* Within the past year (Dec. 3rd, 1895), I have travelled by steam, sail, and scull, over British Columbia waters, on purely medical mission work, an aggregate of 3,630 miles.