

FIELD STUDY FOR JUNE.

Hospital, Port Simpson.—Kitamaat Home.

ON the Port Simpson District of the British Columbia Conference there are about 8,000 Indians, who were at one time a strong, hardy race; but within the past thirty years contact with wicked and vile white men, together with the liquor which they brought with them, has made serious havoc among the red men of that Northern coast.

For a number of years the Rev. Thomas Crosby earnestly desired and prayed for a physician who would be willing to forgo worldly prosperity and ambition, and come to his aid. In 1889, Dr. A. E. Bolton, a man full of faith, with his no less devoted wife, responded to the missionary's call, and went to Port Simpson. The discouragements were many, but there were many cheering tokens of success. Feeling the importance of a permanent hospital, a suitable building was erected in 1891, for which \$500 was granted by the Provincial Government, the remainder being provided by private subscriptions; the total cost, when completed, was \$3,000.

The next seriously felt need was a trained nurse, which was met by the Woman's Missionary Society sending out Miss Spence in 1892; afterwards Miss Lawrence was added to the staff. Miss Strycker went out one year ago to become the third worker.

Dr. Bolton says, "It is hard to imagine a field that offers greater scope for humble Christ-like work than that occupied by the nurses of the Port Simpson Hospital." He says, again, "The nurses are all in good health, and three more devoted and efficient workers it would be hard to find. They have much to try their faith and patience, and need your sympathy and prayers." They also assist in Sunday-school, League and other Christian service." Dr. Bolton's own work is also of the noblest kind, ministering to soul and body. The hospital is sometimes filled with patients. They come from near and far, often 150 miles and more, for treatment. His surgical cases are very successful. The hospital has been undergoing changes and improvements, and the doctor and his family have moved into a new "annex" across the street.

Hitherto the Kitamaat Home has been under the management of Mr. Raley, but through the recommendation of the British Columbia Branch of the Women's Missionary Society, it was brought prominently before the Board of Managers at Hamilton in October. After carefully considering the matter in all its bearings, the W. M. S. decided to take over the Home and thus relieve Mr. Raley of much responsibility. This does not mean that he withdraws any of his sympathy or interest, as the ladies have especially requested him to continue the same and to counsel with them and the staff and use his influence with the parents and children as in the past.

In the fall of 1896, Miss Long, of Toronto, really became the first matron, being supported by the W. M. S. A year later the present building was begun, and is now occupied by 32 children, Miss Long and Miss Walker, the day school teacher, who very kindly assists the work by all means in her power.

The building is entirely of wood, with the exception of four chimneys which are terra cotta pipes. There are 34 windows and two fire escapes and four entrance doors on the ground floor. The greatest economy has been exercised in its construction. In style, it is quite unpretentious; we have had a single eye to strength, warmth and usefulness. The value at a low estimate is between \$2,000 and \$2,500. Its cost has been provided for by the Women's Missionary Society, which now owns the building. It is insured for \$2,000.

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QUESTIONS FOR JUNE.

1. What is said of the Indians of the Port Simpson district?
2. What hurt them?
3. For what did the Missionary, Rev. Mr. Crosby, pray?
4. Who responded to the call, and when?
5. Will you tell of the building that was erected?
6. What was the next need, and how was it met?
7. What does Dr. Bolton say of our nurses there?
8. What can you tell of Dr. Bolton's own work?
9. What can you tell of the Kitamaat Home? To whom does it now belong?
10. Who went there in 1896?
11. Who occupy the present building?
12. Will you describe the building? Tell its value and ownership?

MRS. THURSTON'S PAPER.

When our Woman's Missionary Society was organized it was with the object of enlisting the sympathies of the women of our churches on behalf of the women and children in heathen lands. Soon it was seen that a large party of those who do, or who shortly will, compose our church membership, were left out, and to meet this want Circles and Bands were organized—Circles, to be composed of young ladies, and Bands, of children—boys and girls—and the fee was small so that all might join if they so desired.

The question is often asked by Band workers, What can we do, so that we may interest our young people in missions? To that I would answer, get thoroughly interested yourself, so interested that it becomes a part of yourself, is in your thoughts and prayers; interested so much that self-denial for that cause becomes not self-denial but a pleasure. Let it become incorporated in your very being, a part of yourself and not a passing whim to be laid aside when something new strikes the fancy. If you are imbued with the spirit of your Saviour, if you have a love for souls and a hungering desire to see them born into the kingdom of grace, you will be able to win and interest others. But more than that is necessary to hold them. With the young especially I believe there is always a desire to gain knowledge; therefore, if you want them to be interested in

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