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dians, and in addition many Indian villages—the Indian population is reckoned at about 1000, and is chiefly ministered to by Mr. Lomas, the Catechist. The white settlers in the district are reckoned at about 400, but to reach them it has been necessary to hold services at six Mission stations. At the central station, where a parsonage has been erected, there is a small room built of logs, about twentysix fect by eighteen feet, fitted up in the plainest and simplest style, which serves as a church; in this the services are constant and regular, at the other stations they are held at stated intervals, more or less frequent.

At one of the outlying stations, three miles distant, there is a small building on the edge of a lake, where services are held, but this is in a very dilapidated condition, and no longer conveniently situated as regards the settlers. About a quarter of a mile distant from the church, and close to the principal Indian village (the Quamichan tribe), the Bishop erected, in 1867, a schoolroom with catechist's house attached. Here the instruction of the Indians is carried on, and here they meet together every Sunday for worship, which is conducted in their own language by Mr. Lomas, the catechist.

The Archdeacon asks for a grant towards the erection of a church for the Indians. They have during the last year expressed a great desire to have a church, and they dislike meeting for the worship of God in a building to which they are constantly resorting for all kinds of instruction; for obtaining medicines, for explaining and expatiating on their mutual quarrels, and grievances and misunderstandings, and seeking therein the assistance and arbitration of Mr. Lomas. "The erection of a church is rendered the more necessary," the Archdeacon says, "by the fact of the natives connected with the Roman Catholic mission in the valley having a small stone church, and these natives are not slow in reproaching the other Christians with having no House of God of their own, but only a school-room."

. The Archdeacon is very anxious to replace the dilapidated church, mentioned as being inconveniently situated on the edge of a

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