

His helping us over the hard places. We held over fifty preaching services from the time we left here. We pray that the good seed of God's truth may bear good fruit to the praise of our blessed Jesus.

Our watch-meeting was a blessed one; eight persons join to be on trial this year. May God increase the number! I visit the Kit-wan-gah before Christmas, right in the midst of their Potlatching and dancing. During the time at the Forks, we joined Mr. Field; of course, he asked me to do so. My good friend, Judge Graham, was very kind in asking us if we have enough food to eat. I told him that we have enough food to eat. I told him that we have all we wish for, but to see the great salvation of souls on Skeena River. He wanted to know how many came up with me. I told him only five, and they are not afraid to pray, or preach, or sing. William Legake is with me; he came up before Christmas, walked all the way from Kit-se-lass; took him seven days to come here, he is doing very well, delights to help on the work, and hopes to become a missionary some of these days. There was a big fight at Kit-wan-gah this winter. Three of the Kit-will-cool, and two of Kit-wan-gahs, got wounded with knives. One of the Kit-wan-gah's badly wounded. They have tried to settle it by their own laws, but, I think, if the law don't punish the bad ones there will be trouble on this River at any time. They fear now that the Government will stop the Potlatch, because there has been bloodshed in it this winter. I feel rather sorry that Bro. G. or Mr. J., had not visited these people last fall; they wanted to see them and listen to their good words. Daniel Wells, Peter Milton, and a few others will start this week for Babin and Bear's Lake. I hope their trip may be a means of blessing to those poor benighted souls.

The coldest weather we had this winter was 36° below zero. We are looking forward for spring-time. I may not be able to be with you at the District Meeting, if the River is not open in time. However, I am happy in Jesus' love, praying that God may pour out His blessed Spirit on the mission-fields this coming year.

THE CHINESE MISSION.

Letter from REV. W. W. PERCIVAL, dated VICTORIA, B.C., April 1st, 1887.

A WORD or two relative to this mission. On Sunday, the 13th of March, I baptised in Wesley Church, at the morning service, Mr. Vrooman interpreting, Lam Noon and Wong Yuen, on profession of faith. At the same time I received into the Church, by letter, Chin Kin Pui and Chan Sik Kam. The former presented his letter from Rev. Dr. Happer, of Canton, and the latter by letter from St. Stephen's Church, Hong Kong. Thus the work moves slowly forward.

I regret very much that the evening school is not now as well attended as formerly. It is pleasing, however, to know that the Sunday evening preaching service continues to be well attended. But the mission is suffering very much from the want of a church edifice. A church must be built in the near future, if this mission is to be continued and made successful.

THE HOME WORK.

Oilsprings, (London Conference)—I am sorry we cannot report greater prosperity. We are just about holding our own except that we have taken up an additional appointment in Dawn. Services are held regularly at every place, and all the means of grace are kept up, and some degree of spiritual prosperity greets us. Finances are very low, that is, our own finances. Connexional funds may be fair. We find it very difficult to do the work of a mission while we have to contend with so much financial embarrassment. Our total receipts for the past three years will amount to a fraction over \$400 per year, including horse keep and all incidentals. This state of things is simply disgusting, and cannot be much longer endured. After all I bless God for His loving care over me during a ministry of thirty-three years.

C. BURDETT.

Dobbinton (Guelph Conference)—This mission has now seven appointments. Improvements have been made on parsonage property, and two new churches have been dedicated, and the debt on another paid off. Best of all we have had conversions continuously since Conference. One hundred have been taken into society. We thank God and take courage.

GEO. HARTLEY.

Indian Islands (Newfoundland Conference)—As I have now charge of Indian Islands and Rocky Bay, to which Seldom-come-by was added last Conference, a few words relative to the work may be interesting. This latter place, which was made headquarters, has a good harbour, frequently used by schooners going either south or north, waiting for fair winds; hence sometimes in the spring or fall the church is crowded. Seldom-come-by had a population of 246 in 1884,—105 Methodists. God is blessing us. Some have found and others are seeking salvation. At Little Seldom-come-by, Salmon Point, we have ninety people, a school house for service. At Indian Islands we have 129 Methodists. A good love-feast, and two young men commenced to pray at my last visit. At Eastern Cove a school-house is ready for shingles. Hope to preach in it in May as the houses of the people are too strait. I expect to walk on the ice to Rock Bay shortly (D.V.) and visit them. We have a comfortable school-house there and day school during the winter. Noggin Cove and Basset's Harbour, cottage services. Over 200 Methodist in the three places. Poverty is felt in many homes owing to fishery failure.

WILLIAM REX.

SAYS an exchange: "The Hindus are again complaining about the poor quality of idols furnished them by the Birmingham manufacturers. It seems that these manufacturers have been producing such ugly styles of idols that even the most religious Hindu can't worship them with fervor. Moreover, they are made out of cross-grained, knotty wood, and are painted with cheap mineral paint, which in hot weather comes off when the devotees kiss them. The Hindu is very patient, but it does rile him when the paint of a high-priced god sticks to his lips."