

lapse would be to consent to a double defeat and a double shame; for then the promise of self-support and helpfulness toward others in the regions beyond, and also the fruitage of the good seed of eternal life already planted in themselves, must utterly fail.

The object had in view in this paper is to suggest most respectfully to the Woman's Missionary Society the propriety of giving to our Indian, French, and Domestic missions the same degree of prominence which, at present, seems to be bestowed exclusively upon Japan, and one or two points in the Indian work. If communication were opened with several points in the departments mentioned above, if letters from laborers were read, if special prayers for the work at those points were offered, the result would be not only an interesting variety of subjects, but also enlargement and more complete sympathy in the missionary zeal and faith of the members of the Society.

NOTE.—The very thing for which Bro. Hooker contends is being done. The W. M. S. is extending its work among both French and Indians, and has begun work among the Chinese.—ED. OUTLOOK.

#### "GLAD TIDINGS" MISSION.

A YEAR ago it was thought best to form a new mission to be called the *Glad Tidings* Mission, which should include Clue, Kit-a-maat, Bella Coola and all other tribes not reached by existing missions. This is a wide field, including about seventy-five bands or tribes. In one trip we travelled about 1,800 miles, and preached about 100 times, reached many tribes I had never seen before, and preached to hundreds that had never seen a Protestant missionary before, and many of them as dark and as blind as they ever were. In numbers of places they urged that we send them a teacher. One young man, who was dying, said, "Missionary, these are good words that you tell us, and this is a sweet name you speak about; but why did you not come before? Hundreds and thousands of our people have died, and never heard that story; why did you not come sooner?" I found another poor woman dying, who could not speak, and could not hear, and then I thought with the boy, why did we not come sooner? In this mission of 600 miles, on a coast of 600 miles, we want many more laborers. In some parts of it self-supporting missions would work well.

The *Glad Tidings* needed repairs, so this gave me a chance to visit the East for three months, and lay this wide and interesting field before the Churches there. The boat, with Capt. Oliver, ran last year over 10,000 miles, and is now deeded as property of the Methodist Church, and we hope the Christian people of our Church will help to run her, so that we shall not have

in the future, as in the past, to run short-handed, and work so hard to keep down expenses.

*Clue* was part of Skidegate Mission, on Queen Charlotte's Island. There we have built a neat little church, to which the people subscribed nobly. They also bought a good church bell, besides doing well in their missionary meeting.

At *Kit-kat-ah* we have put up the frame of a small church. This is at the mouth of Kit-a-maat arm. The people had been with Mr. Duncan at Metlakhatla, but when he removed to Alaska, they returned to their own home, and have now all united with our Church.

*Kit-a-maat* has done well under Bro. Robinson's care. *Kit-lope* must have a small church. At "Chinaman Hat" the shell of a school-house has been put up, but the people are away from home a great part of the time, and it is difficult to do much with them. This is Hy-hies, a part of the Bella-Bella Mission.

*Bella Coola* is still supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas. We must have a new church built here, and hope to reach all those poor, blind people. *Kimsquit* and *Talione* need help, and will likely all come in at once. I hope the time will not be long before all the tribes on this coast shall have the Gospel. T. CROSBY.

#### THE "OUTLOOK" IN AFRICA.

MANY are the words of encouragement and appreciation respecting the OUTLOOK that come to us, and which we are always pleased to receive, but the following, from Miss Annie E. Whitefield, late of Dundas, and now laboring in the mission field in Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, is doubly welcome, coming, as it does, from one who is bravely proclaiming the "old, old story" to Africa's benighted sons and daughters:—

"I always enjoyed reading the OUTLOOK when in my Canadian home, but never did it touch my heart like it has in this my far-away home. Owing to the kindness of a friend, I have had the privilege of reading your valuable paper. As from time to time I read the reports of the Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, etc., my heart goes out to those who are so nobly pushing the work of the Redeemer, and enlisting the sympathies of the youth, and of the self-sacrificing endurance of workers in the field it stimulates and encourages, I have felt like telling them so; but feeling it would seem like presumption, I have checked every impulse to write until now, when my heart overflows with gratitude to the contributors to the OUTLOOK. May God speed the work in all lands."

MISSIONARIES report from Japan most intense and wonderful enthusiasm among the natives for the study of the English language and literature. The store-keepers of fifty-five bookstores in two places say that half the books they sell are English. "It would seem," says Mr. Gullick, "as if the whole nation is yet to learn to read the English language."