

Four other villages should be visited as often as possible. All of these are within a distance of one hundred miles. Once populous places, filled with a hardy, war-like people, are now nearly depopulated. Sickness, and evil practices coming among them, they are being swept from the face of the earth. So the urgent need of the early preaching of the Gospel among them. The Word of Life alone can preserve them as a people, as well as to give them a hope of eternal life. Truly, "the field is white already to harvest." Let us pray "the Lord of the harvest" to aid these benighted ones to come to the "day-star of peace."

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NAAS RIVER.

I am thankful to report that we have been favored with the manifest presence of God during the year. Improvements have taken place, and the mission is in a prosperous condition. Congregations good—class and prayer-meetings much appreciated. Our members show an increasing interest in the Bible, and possess good knowledge of its truths. Some have publicly renounced paganism and embraced Christ. One of them, a fine, manly fellow of good ability, has given us much joy and satisfaction as to his spiritual state. He has been greatly persecuted since his conversion; he desired to return to his native village, thinking he could assist our native preacher there, and hoped to win his father and mother to Jesus. With much disappointment and grief he found himself obliged to leave, as the heathens had threatened to take his life. But flattery, and bribes, and abuse all failed to move him from his faith. He has made his home in our mission village, and we trust a useful future is opening out to him.

Among those who died triumphantly during the year was Sarah Russ, wife of one of our native teachers. She had long lived a consistent Christian life, and her departure was a glorious one.

BOY'S HOME.—Our home for destitute boys, commenced some years ago, has grown upon us; lacking sufficient accommodation, I have enlarged the mission house at my own cost. We hope much from these boys. Hitherto—with the exception of one friend—we have defrayed all expenses ourselves; but find it impossible to clothe them as nicely as we wish to, or indeed to properly provide for them. We sincerely hope that the Woman's Missionary Society may see their way to help us.

DAY SCHOOL.—A larger attendance and greater progress have marked the school during the past winter. Many of the scholars can compose and write very fair letters. It is very encouraging to see how nicely they are getting on with the English language. Two concerts were given by them during the year with great satisfaction.

FISHERY BAY.—Our church—situated in the centre of the fishing ground, surrounded by hundreds of heathens from the interior, who camp side by side with Christian Indians—is a great help. We trust that those from distant tribes who heard of Jesus there, will carry the good news to their homes.