

could be found for Simpson, and let Mr. Crosby go to Chilliwack, it would leave the way open for us to make Victoria our headquarters; and I feel persuaded we could get a water-lot on the Indian reserve where a mission house could be built, and a little wharf for the *Glad Tidings*.

We are all ready for sea, but our engineer thinks he is not well enough to go, so I have had to telegraph to Vancouver for a man. If he comes we will be able to go to-morrow morning. There is a prospect of our getting passengers enough to bring us \$75 or \$100.

I saw a number of Nit-tinat Indians yesterday, and find them ready to receive a teacher. This is a good opening, and I trust the opportunity will not be allowed to pass.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

*Letter from REV. J. CAMPBELL, dated BONNE BAY, Aug. 19th, 1892.*

I TOOK up the work on January 26th, 1892, by visiting a little harbor twenty-six miles from Bonne Bay. The people had requested me to visit them for several years. On my way I passed through Trout River, where I was happy to find that those who were converted last year were looking well for the Kingdom. I held a service at night; the house was packed full, and we had a blessed time. I left for Chimney Cove; the travelling was bad, so we were all day walking there. At night I held the first Methodist service ever conducted there, and felt that good was done. After I had left off speaking, the mistress of the house said to me, "Mr. Campbell, can't we be saved without being converted?" Her husband told her it was all the same thing. She said, "If we get saved, the minister (Episcopal) will come and tell us it's not right." I believe many are hindered in this way from accepting Christ. On my way back my guide said to me, "At this time last year I was over here drinking and dancing. I came over drunk with a gallon of whiskey on my back. Now I am here praying. See," he said "what the grace of God can do." He was converted in the revival at Trout River. I left for the north, but owing to the mild winter the journey was difficult, and dangerous crossing the rivers, so I had to retreat and work in another direction. I left again on the 29th and travelled to Salby's Cove where I held a service. The next day I arrived at St. Paul's, holding three services there. I travelled all the coast as far as Daniel's Harbor. It being Saturday night, I asked Mrs. Payne if she would permit me to hold service on the following day. She said I could do so, but no one would attend. In those harbors there is always a chief man, so she said to me if you get Mr. Biggins' consent the people will come and hear you. I went to him and asked. He said he would not like to say no, for the Lord said to His disciples, "Into whatsoever house or city ye enter, and they receive you not, shake off the dust of your feet for a testimony against them." You can have a service for my own family, but you must not ask any one else. I prayed that morning that the Lord would send the people in the afternoon and fill the house. They came from all directions, women with their children in their arms, and others. Thank God, the old gentleman did not have it all his own way. I felt very much freedom in speaking to them. I had to lead them through all the exercises, as they were totally ignorant of a Methodist service. They seemed to be affected. A Roman Catholic helped me to sing the hymns. I believe that these people will soon be the saved of the Lord.

I returned to Bonne Bay, having travelled about 250 miles, addressed about 110 meetings, visited and prayed in 225 homes. Although we cannot yet see the great mountain of sin cast into the sea, yet, thank God, we can see it moving.

JAPAN.

*Letter from REV. D. MACDONALD M.D., dated 4 TSUKIJI, TOKYO, JAPAN, August 8th, 1892.*

FOUR Japanese and two foreigners were ordained at our last Conference. We shall have a class of seven or eight for ordination next year. Our work is thoroughly organized, and gives promise of rapid extension. Our membership now numbers 1,928, being an increase of about 140. This is at the rate of about eight per cent. It is about the average of the results of mission work in Japan for the past two or three years. Christian work here has encountered adverse influences, but the indications are that we are entering upon a more hopeful period.

We have raised for all purposes, 5,699.92 yen. This year and last were hard years financially, but the churches have done well. Throughout our whole work we are applying our plan of self-support. This has something to do in keeping down the number of our members, for each place is rated and must pay according to the membership reported. Doubtful cases are therefore not apt to be included in the count.

The membership of the Tokyo District is 790, being an increase of 54. Three places report an increase, and three a decrease. The tabernacle work is promising. The Azabu Church is also doing well. The change of location and the erection of the new church at Ushigome will, we trust, give an impulse to the work there.

*Letter from REV. M. KOBAYASHI, dated VANCOUVER, August 31st, 1892.*

I THANK you sincerely for all your kind thoughts and care by which I am able to sail for Japan to-day. I held a special service every day for nearly two weeks, at Union Mines. I found there the very best type of a good Japanese, honest and true-hearted. Three of them came out with the decision to become Christians without any way of soliciting. They have been progressing rapidly in the new course of life, and it was our surprising joy to find them here in Vancouver on last Sunday. They came to hear me preach once more before I leave for Japan. I explained the Apostolic creed for them last Monday night, and they believed all this with the wonderful simplicity and joy. This made me feel sure that they are not in darkness but in light, and as they are led by the Holy Spirit, so they are the children of God. I asked Mr. Maitland and they were baptized last night. This morning I go on board the *Empress of Japan*, with this unexpected joy of getting three brethren as God's blessing on our work.

THE Friendly Islands fifty years ago had not a native Christian, now there are more than 30,000 church members, who give from their scanty store \$15,000 annually for religious objects.

THE increase of the Christian population in India in ten years has been sixty-five per cent., while the heathen population has grown only eleven per cent. There are now 2,000,000 of native Christians in India. At the same rate of progress there will be 24,000,000 in fifty years, and 290,000,000 in one hundred years.—*The Free Baptist*.

ALL authorities say that Peking, the present capital of China, and Nankin, the ancient capital, are hardly half so large as they were a hundred years ago. They show all the symptoms of decay. The more enterprising and energetic individuals are found now in the seaports, that offer a marked contrast to the more conservative and literary communities of the interior.