

UP AND DOWN THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST

meetings, and, what was better still, to learn of their consistency of life, was surely a comfort, a strength and a joy. And it ought to be so.

"I confess that some of my notions have been changed—I think corrected. I used to think the Indians necessarily a fading, failing race; that they must die and pass away; that there could be no self-propagating church, no self-sustaining and propagating Christianity among them. Brethren, do we not dishonor the Gospel of God? Is it not to save the bodies and the souls of men, the races and the peoples? Our vices will destroy the races. Our drunkenness and dissoluteness will destroy the races, peoples and nations. But I believe Jesus Christ can save them, body and soul, tribe and nation, family and people. I have seen it in Port Simpson and Port Essington and other places. Nothing will do it but the Gospel. Nothing will do it but the converting grace of God. But, thanks be to God, that can do it and does it.

"Where men are regenerated, born again, truly born of the Spirit, live in families under divine ordinance, there is salvation for the man, the family, the tribe, the race. There can be no doubt of it. Boys and girls are playing in the streets of Simpson and Essington according to the prophecies of Jeremiah while the heathen Indians are perishing apace. The Hydats, once eight thousand strong, are now only eight hundred, and why? They have perished because they have taken the vices of the white men without the salvation of their religion. Talk of Armenia! Here is a greater wrong and a greater outrage—whole tribes decimated by the vices of our civilization that might be saved by the energies of our religion."

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