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FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

GREENVILLE, NASS RIVER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA,
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Dear Mr. Editor:

Doubtless Missionary news from the remote corner of the Continent will not be uninteresting to the many readers of the WESLEYAN.

I arrived here on the 28th ultimo, since which time I have been very busy assisting Rev. Mr. Green in procuring lumber and housebuilding which gave me a good opportunity to become acquainted with the Indians and their customs.

In April of 1877 when the District Meeting then in Session at Victoria informed the Rev. Mr. Crosby of the Fort Simpson Mission who was requested by the poor heathens on this river to send a missionary that instructions had just been received the Missionary Secretaries to the effect that owing to lack of funds no new field could be entered in this District a party of the Victoria friends would hold a weekly prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. William McKay, sent a requisition to the District Meeting praying that the Rev. Mr. Green be recommended which request was backed up by a guarantee that they would support him. The appointment was ratified by the Conference and Mr. Green assumed charge in the following August. He found the people living in the grossest heathenism; and through having seen what the Gospel had done for their friends at Fort Simpson, they had expressed their great desire to get one who would teach them the good way; there was not one amongst them who had a knowledge of the true God. In the face of serious disadvantages and discouragements—there being no suitable houses in which to live and hold the services, nor one to be found who had sufficient knowledge of the art of cooking to bake his bread—like a brave soldier of the Cross, he went to work by holding protracted meetings and at the end of the first week, he found that the God of Missions in whom he had reposed his faith, had given for his hire the souls of twenty-one of these benighted people. Nor did this great work end here, it spread up and down this river till before the end of the year about one hundred more were received on trial. As a proof of the genuineness of their conversion, they manifest great anxiety for the salvation of those of their people yet in the bonds of darkness and a hungering after more of the Light of the Truth which is simply amazing. They never hear a text preached from, but they immediately proceed to learn it, nor do they rest satisfied till they can repeat it readily, and as soon as one is able to do this he or she goes round the village teaching those less apt at learning how to read it.

Their love of singing is wonderful. Already though not having had the advantages of instructions from a musician, they can sing the most of the Gospel Hymns, and others in a manner that would reflect credit on some city congregations. They care only for lively music, and if pleased with new tunes they can learn two or three in as many hours. If one enter their houses and begin to sing, they immediately throw away their work and stand up to sing, and perhaps before many minutes have passed away, a dozen or more of the neighbors will put in an appearance and join in singing. They love their class-meetings more than any other service, and the illustrations which they use to explain their spiritual condition are no less amusing than original. The head chief in requesting the Missionary to give him a Bible the other day said "when a man falls through the ice he keeps laying hold of it and breaking it, and if someone does not put a pole across the hole he will surely drown. Just the same with me; I have given up the old way and am now standing between it and the new; I want God's word to hold on to when the temptations of the old way come up my heart. Another old chief speaking last Sunday evening said "since you came there has been a great war going on in my heart. I have had two wars, one for Jesus and the other for the devil, but now I have one strong heart for Jesus." Another said "When we travel the trains if a rain-

storm comes on we look for a large tree with many branches to shelter us. Christ is a big tree and he will shelter us from the storms of the Devil." Nor is it only under the immediate supervision of their Missionary they show the fruits of the blessed seed producing in their hearts. Many of them go up the Skein in the summer season and whenever they meet any of their race who have not found the Light they never lose an opportunity to try to bring them to the Cross of Calvary. So faithful and attached to the Bible and their Church are they that it is almost dangerous for Indian or white to ridicule either.

As no grant was received from the Missionary Committee and the friends in Victoria only promised to support the Missionary there were no funds with which to construct the necessary buildings, consequently the services have hitherto been conducted in the Indian houses—those that are large enough being very uncomfortable as found convenient and the Missionary was obliged for some time to live in one of these houses. Last winter he built a small house of two rooms which he is now able to enlarge. The poor people have all along been looking for the forthcoming of means to build "a good house for God" and in faith that their civilized friends would remember them, they have chosen a site on which to build a church and opened a road to it. Mr. Green is at present busily engaged in building a schoolhouse 30 ft. x 42 ft., which for the present must do service as a school and church. The rainy season has set in and we are wet through every day. We are in hopes that before the river freezes we will be able to erect another at a village thirty miles north. Could our friends in Canada and the Lower Provinces but see for themselves the glorious work God has wrought here the poverty of the people and their desire to do anything for God's cause, I believe means would soon come wherewith to build a Church.

(To be continued in our next.)

PRESENTATION OF THE ADDRESS OF OUR CHURCH TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

On Tuesday, the 10th ult., the address of our General Conference was presented at Rideau Hall to His Excellency the Governor-General. The deputation consisted of Rev. Dr. Rice, Vice-President of the Conference; Rev. A. Sutherland, Secretary; Rev. E. Stafford, Rev. J. W. Sparling, Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Hon. Senator Atkins, Mr. P. LeSueur, and Mr. W. H. Walker, Ottawa. The following address was read by the Rev. Alex. Sutherland:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada desire to approach Your Excellency with the expression of their profound esteem for Your Excellency's personal character and virtues, for your various talents and attainments, and not least for the published results of them in respect to the most devotional book of the Holy Scriptures, for your parliamentary experience and acknowledged abilities, and for your near relationship to our most gracious Queen, enthroned in all hearts throughout the British Empire, and even throughout the civilized world.

We have special pleasure also in availing ourselves of this occasion to offer the homage of our affectionate esteem to the known accomplishments and Christian womanly virtues of Her Royal Highness, your consort no less distinguished as the beloved daughter of our beloved Queen than by those acts and qualities which, after the example of her royal parents, have adorned the throne and blessed the nation.

Representing as we do six Annual Conferences of more than three thousand ministers and a half million of adherents throughout the Dominion, we express the warm and unanimous feelings of our people when we anticipate great benefit and pleasure to the inhabitants at large from the presence of Her Royal Highness and Your Excellency among us, and offer our fervent prayers for your happiness, and the complete success of your administration of the Government of Canada.

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

GEORGE DOUGLAS, President.

A. SUTHERLAND, Secretary.

His Excellency replied as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN.—It affords me much pleasure to receive at the hands of so important a body as the Methodist Church of Canada the address which you have just presented to me. The Church, no matter what its form of worship, has ever recognized duly constituted author-

ity, and I am glad to think that a denomination of so much influence, and numbering in the Dominion so many adherents, should be second to none in the enthusiastic loyalty which on all sides the people of this country have welcomed not only the Governor-General, but also the daughter of our Majesty. I am desirous by the Princess to offer you her thanks for the very kind way in which you have been good enough to refer to her, and I can assure you that I am no less sensible of the complimentary terms of your address in reference to myself, LOBNE.

OPENING OF PORTLAND METHODIST CHURCH.

(Condensed from St. John paper.)
Since the destruction of their church by fire, the congregation of the Portland Methodist Church have held their services in the Baptist church of that town. Having finished the basement of their new church, the Methodists held the opening services Sunday.

In the morning Rev. Dr. Pope began the service by lining the 738th hymn. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Dr. Pope, after which he read portions of the 8th chapter of 1st Kings and the 47th chapter of Ezekiel. Rev. Joseph Hart, President of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference, preached from the last clause of the 9th verse of the 47th chapter of Ezekiel: "And everything liveth whither the river cometh." This is, he said, an occasion for most profound gratitude, on account of the congregation being once again permitted to worship in their own new edifice. He most sincerely rejoiced with them in their rejoicings. They had had to pass through much trouble and labor since the destruction of their old church, but they could look back cheerfully on all the weary weeks of anxiety and enter the new place of worship with thankful hearts to Almighty God. The work of a Christian is elevated, inasmuch as he works with God. It is grand to contemplate the benefits to accrue from the erection of this building—benefits which constitute a part of a great work going on in the world. The text forms a part of the vision of the prophet Ezekiel, and he would look at some of the scenes in connexion therewith.

While the collection was being taken the new church choir of 25 voices, Mr. J. L. Woodworth, leader, rendered an anthem—"Sing unto the Lord"—very impressively. Rev. Dr. Pickard was present and invited to make a few remarks. He said that he rejoiced at having an opportunity of rejoicing with them. While sitting and listening to the discourse his memory had been very busy. He had been looking back forty years, to the time when he was pastor of the church, and when the church went up in smoke very suddenly; to the scenes which followed, of great anxiety and suffering. He well remembered when he preached on the ruins of the Sabbath following the fire. Their faith had been severely tried. They worshipped in the old Madras building and wondered if God would in very deed dwell with them. He did, for during that winter some hundred souls experienced life from that River of which they had just heard. He had asked himself the question: "Where are the fathers and mothers with whom I labored in those days?" He could only see two or three of them present. It was something grand to think of the position they occupied to-day. They are in that land where "not a wave of trouble rolls across their peaceful breasts." He hoped those occupying their places to-day would closely follow in their footsteps and one day one and all meet: "Where congregations never break up and Sabbaths never end."

He congratulated them on the position they occupied to-day in the possession of so fine a building. They would have difficulties to contend with, but they should:

"Give to the winds their fears
Hope and be undismayed."
Hymn 665 was sung and Dr. Pickard pronounced the Benediction.

SERVICE FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN.
The room was well filled with young people in the afternoon. The services were begun by the Rev. S. T. Teed opening with prayer, followed by the Rev. B. Chappell announcing the hymn, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." Rev. B. Chappell delivered a stirring address in which he gave much instruction to the off-

icers of the school, and to the teachers. On the teachers' duties and discouragements he was exceedingly impressive and earnest. We regret that want of space prevents us from giving the address in full. A collection was taken up after which the

REV. S. T. TEED addressed the meeting. He said he was both pleased and disappointed. He was pleased at the good attention given by the scholars to the excellent address to which they had just listened; but he was disappointed at the absence of two or three ministers who had promised to be present. He was pleased at the fact that they were now in the occupancy of their own school room. They had all worked hard to secure its completion. A gentleman remarked that the scholars were all little workers, like busy bees. Each of them had a claim upon the new church. They all remembered the brick business last winter how each had paid his ten cents to own a brick in the edifice, and how they paid in the ten cent contributions of the kind friends who purchased 'bricks' from them. He advised them all to be good children, and in the end they would enter into the possession of the "mansion made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "May God bless you all," was his closing invocation.

The services were brought to a conclusion by singing the Doxology and the pronouncement of the benediction.

EVENING SERVICE.
There was a large congregation present in the evening. Rev. Mr. Teed conducted the opening exercises. Rev. Dr. Waters preached, taking for his text, 1st Kings vi. 14: "So Solomon built the house and finished it."

Having made preparatory remarks the preacher asked what was meant by the erection of their place of worship and had the house any sign for them? What thoughts naturally cluster around such a house?

First, he said it was the house of God and showed how men believe there was connexion between the seen and the unseen, and being the house of God it was a sacred place and should be the object of our affectionate care.

Second, the house of God is an enduring confession of our convictions. It is an acknowledgment of our need and a confession that the worship of God is a necessity of our nature. Dr. Waters dwelt on the fact that the erection of the place of worship is not only an avowal of our need but also a confession, in some measure at least of our faith.

Third, the church is a great centre of moral and spiritual influence. It should be the seat of power—a power for good ever and for harm never.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.
INVITATION FOR WEEK OF UNITED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR.
January, 5-13, 1879.

The following topics are suggested by the Evangelical Alliance, for daily exhortation and intercession:—

SUNDAY, January 5th.—Sermons:—"The years of the right hand of the most High."—Psalm lxxvii. 10.

MONDAY, January 6th.—Praise:—Praise to God for his long-suffering kindness and mercy; for the goodness of His providence; and especially for salvation in Jesus Christ, and for the blessings enjoyed under the present dispensation of the Holy Ghost. Thanksgiving for the peaceful settlement of European questions; also for the Divine blessing which has attended the distribution of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world. Confession of unbelief and unfruitfulness.

TUESDAY, January 7th.—Prayer:—For the power of the Holy spirit to rest upon and operate in the Church of God everywhere, so that the disciples may be led into all the truth; that errors in doctrine and corruption of Scriptural worship may be stayed; that faith and hope, brotherly kindness and charity may be increased; and that the general tone of spiritual life may be elevated in communion with the Lord. Intercession for believers who are afflicted.

WEDNESDAY, January 8th.—Prayer:—For the energetic operation of the Holy Spirit in the world at large, convincing men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and bringing those who are merely nominal Christians under the quickening and transforming power of the truth. Also for Christian families, for the training of the young in the fear of the Lord, that they may be kept from

error and evil, and especially that the grace of God may be upon them.

THURSDAY, January 9th.—Prayer:—For the effusion of the Holy Spirit "upon all flesh;" for the continuance of peace; for the establishment of righteous government; for the spread of eschewing all nations, and for their conversion to Christ, for the removal of intemperance and other social evils; special prayer for the nation, its Sovereign, and all in authority.

FRIDAY, January 10th.—Prayer:—For the blessing of the Spirit of God to accompany evangelistic and missionary labors, and render them fruitful to Christ; for the turning of all Israel to the Lord; for the growth and stability of the young Churches gathered from heathen communities; for the revival of Bible Christianity in Eastern lands; for the preaching of the Gospel among all nations, and for "cheerful giving" on the part of those who give not themselves to this work.

SATURDAY, January 11th.—Prayer:—For those who preside over the Churches of the Saints, and for all who are called to preach and to teach; for the due observance of the Lord's Day; for the wise guidance of Biblical translators and critics; for successful resistance to secularism and infidelity.

SUNDAY, January 12th.—Sermons:—Looking for "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. i. 7, and Matt. xxiv. 42-51.

The following arrangements have been made for the City of Halifax:—

SUNDAY, Jan. 5.—Meeting at 4½ p. m. in Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Morning Meetings will be held (beginning on Monday, the 6th,) in the Association Hall, at 9½ o'clock. Evening meetings will be as follows:

MONDAY, Jan. 6.—Granville Street (Baptist) Church, and St. John's (Presbyterian) Church.

TUESDAY, Jan. 8.—Fort Massey (Presbyterian) Church, and Brunswick Street (Methodist) Church.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8.—In all the Churches.

THURSDAY, Jan. 9.—Grafton Street (Methodist) Church, Star Street (Baptist) Church, Charles St. (Methodist) Church.

FRIDAY, Jan. 10.—St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Church, and Tabernacle (Baptist) Church.

SATURDAY, Jan. 11.—St. Matthew's, (Presbyterian) at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

COLLECTIONS will be made at all these meetings in aid of the funds of the Alliance.

S. L. SHANNON, President.
ROBERT MURRAY, Secretary.

DIPHTHERIA AND ITS CURE.

KEROSENE OIL A CURE—REMARKABLE CURES.

Chicago Journal.
MR. EDITOR.—Allow me to say a few words of the greatest importance to the public, through your journal, in regard to the terrible disease diphtheria, which is raging with great destruction of lives throughout the country. It has raged here to a fearful extent, quite a large number of cases proving fatal.

There is a family here by the name of Light, who moved here from Rochester this season. Mrs. Light said to some of the neighbors that before moving here she had an attack of the diphtheria, and cured herself by the use of kerosene oil as a gargle, swallowing some; but the remedy was so simple that our citizens didn't think anything of it until five of Joseph Jelley's children were taken down with diphtheria. Their throats became swollen and cankered terribly. Mrs. Jelley sent after her neighbor Mrs. Millette, who had lately lost a son by the disease, to ascertain whether it was really diphtheria or not. Mrs. Millette pronounced it diphtheria in a dangerous form. Mrs. Jelley said she would use Light's remedy—kerosene oil—which she gave her children as a gargle, she had them swallow some. The children recovered rapidly, and in a few days were out on the street.

Another neighbour by the name of Louisa, railroad trackmaster at this place, had three children taken with diphtheria, and cured them with kerosene.

William Emery had four children taken down, and gave kerosene oil, and they recovered.

Robert Gillette was taken with it and cured himself with kerosene.

John Reynolds, of Ingham, had a daughter and niece cured by kerosene oil after they were given up for death by the doctor.

What is most astonishing is that not a single case where they used kerosene oil has proved fatal. The remedy is simple and certainly cheap, and always at hand in all families throughout the land.

Also, George Gillette had three children taken with the same disease very bad, and they were cured with kerosene.

Yours truly,
P. LAWRENCE.