

The need of a suitable building at Port Essington was long felt, but we had no funds to spare for it. However, last spring we made a special effort and got up a building fit for summer occupation, and almost as commodious as that at Port Simpson. The cost so far, has been \$720, but \$200 more are necessary to complete it. Against this we have raised, chiefly by local subscription, \$600.

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to us last season, we cared for twenty one patients in it, all urgent cases, many of whom we could not otherwise have accommodated.

In the six years' history of the medical mission, attendances have amounted to over 35,000, individual cases numbering nearly 12,000. There have been four visitations of la grippe, one each of mumps, measles and whooping cough, the latter two affecting Indian children very severely. We have also been threatened by scarlatina and small-pox, but both were happily averted, the former by isolating an individual case.

Although our field here is not apparently so wide as might be found in some of the greater heathen nations, yet we find ample scope for our powers. As physician, I am brought in contact with the sick and dying who are impressionable to Gospel truths; as missionary, I am constantly consulted by natives in trouble or

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as Justice of the Peace, I deal with criminals and settle disputes, and perhaps help repress illegal traffic in intoxicants; and since becoming conversant with the Tsimpshean language and dialects, and the Chinook jargon which is of some moment in teaching and leading people who can read so little, I have opportunities as preacher. The nurses, besides their duties in the wards, visit and prepare food for sick in the village, teach in Sabbath School, lead classes, teach singing, etc.

Christian reader, we ask you to remember that "the promise is to you and to your children and to them that are afar off," and that "you who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Pray that

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may be efficacious in the case of these long neglected tribes. But "how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

The command to heal and preach has never been rescinded or disjoined, nor shall it be as long as suffering sinners remain in this world. And while all the heathen world calls to us in this age of glorious opportunity, let us give due attention to those at our very doors, whose ills are jointly caused by heathen appetences and the wantonness of members of our own race and nation.

In conclusion, I may state that parts of this district, as the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the country around the head waters of the Skeena river, are as yet almost out of reach of our medical mission.—*Medical and Missionary Record.*

Latest from Dr. Bolton.

This, the eighth year of the existence of this mission, has been one of the busiest and, in some respects, most encouraging. Indians, both Christian and heathen from all parts of the district, show an intelligent appreciation of medical attendance and an increasing willingness to obey

rules of health, not only in taking prescribed remedies but also in avoiding causes of disease. The results are, especially in the older missions, an increase in population, and a marked absence of such loathsome forms of disease as offended the senses of the missionary or visitor to these tribes in former years. While all the missionaries, past and present, have each contributed to this work, yet the privilege of your medical missionary in promoting comfort and leading to light and health, while pointing to the Great Physician and the ideal life, is unique and one to be coveted by any Christian worker.

A great deal remains to be done in inherited weaknesses, and exposure to disease and accident, from climate and occupation, render the natives fit subjects for medical aid. Repeated visits were made to the various centres on the Skeena River during the summer, meeting with patients from every part of the district. In September, a trip south gave opportunity to heal some by the way. In March, a visit to the villages and fishing-camps in the Naas was full of privilege and interest, and later a trip to River's Inlet by the *Glad Tidings*, with the Chairman, led to the inauguration of hospital work there. The increasing need, urgent appeals, and liberality of the people there admitted of no refusal. A building similar to that at Port Essington is in course of erection; the nursing force will be divided and the medical missionary will have to itinerate between the two centres until the arrival of the expected medical missionary for Bella Bella.*

Attendances during the year averaged about twenty daily. The hospital, which continues to be a blessing to many, admitted seventy during the year. The Sunday School for white children at the hospital continues well attended and interesting.

During the busiest part of the summer we were called upon to watch over our own loved little one for two weeks of severe illness, and to part with her in the end. While it was hard at such a time to have scarcely an hour free from professional duties, yet seeking to alleviate others' suffering helped mitigate our own sorrow, and our friends, both white and native, did for us all that human sympathy could suggest; and never-failing Divine grace enabled us from our hearts to say, "Thy will be done."

THE sample of a tithe account as published in the November CAMPAIGNER with the name of R. W. Woodsworth inserted was printed in the paper on the editor's own responsibility. Mr. Woodsworth desires to have this explanation made to protect him from the charge of egotism that some might be inclined to make, not knowing the facts of the case. He would be glad, however, if all who see this sample of a tithe account would say, "I will go and do likewise," providing they have not already opened an account with God.

Pictures of Southern China By Rev. J. Macgowan. Sold by Methodist Book Room, Toronto. Price \$3.50.

This book at once commends itself to those interested in missions as well as those who enjoy the study of national life. The quaint Old World country is made very real through the fascinating pages of the book. The illustrations, which are exquisite photogravures, many full page, enhance the strong word pictures of the author. This is just the book for a Christmas gift. The beautifully-finished paper on which it is printed, with the oddly artistic binding and cover illustration, makes it attractive among the many new Christmas books. (See advt. p. 12.)

* Rev. Dr. J. A. Jackson, M.D.C.M., was sent out to Bella Bella this year, he is supported by the Toronto Central District Epworth League