

and G. can speak more correctly than the teacher, altho' of course, they do not understand so much of the language. We have three hymns *printed* too. Mr. Powell is our poet. The people are very much pleased to hear us sing in their own language. We attempted to teach the women to sew, shortly after our arrival; but we were so straitened for room, we were obliged to give it up until we could get a building. We have now a nice little chapel, and have again commenced school. Our scholars are very irregular. It is a week since we commenced, and I believe we have had different scholars every day. They appear highly delighted. We sing the alphabet with them, try to explain to them the way in which words are formed by the letters, etc., and commence and end with a hymn. I have not time nor space to say anything of the worship of the people; but you will learn from Mr. Geddie's journal everything I have omitted.

There is an establishment here of foreigners, the head of the establishment (Captain Padden) has treated us with the greatest kindness ever since our arrival, he is very kind to the natives, and they are very fond of him. He is an Englishman by birth, and in early life was a naval officer. He is engaged in the sandalwood trade, which of course we do not approve of, but I wish that all engaged in the trade would act as humanely as Captain Padden. There are a number of white cottages round the harbor, occupied by the Captain's workmen, which makes the place look a little civilized. The Captain is building a very large house that will make quite a show when it is finished, on a little island in the harbor, he has several buildings also, he lives on this little island at present himself, for the benefit of his health.

The Roman Catholics have also an establishment in the harbor, but it is such a dark looking place that it does not add to the appearance of the place. It is a three story building, the two lower stories are iron, and the upper one wood; it is chapel, dwelling house and store. There are three or four priests, and as many lay brethren; they do not appear to be doing anything among the natives, they appear rather to be making this a depot and place of refuge than a missionary station; here their lives are quite safe, and property also, if housed. We have not had any intercourse with them, they do not appear to wish to make acquaintance with us, and we do not feel at all anxious to make theirs; they generally spend their Sabbaths, after mass, in shooting. I have only seen them once or twice, when they have been passing to shoot.

We are not often long without a vessel in the harbor. Captain Padden's vessels are in every two or three weeks, and there have been several in, on their way to China. There is now