

only among the covetous poor, he yet dreads their aggressive efforts. He tells me that he thinks \$100 can be raised among his people towards the erection of a church. If the Missionary Authorities will grant us \$400 besides, we can put up a church

45x40 upon a lot of land the yearly rental of which I think the church here would meet. So these few sheep in the wilderness, upon the removal of their foreign pastor, would not be without a local habitation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

FORT SIMPSON.

From the Rev. THOMAS CROSBY, dated December 2nd, 1877.

I have just returned from a visit to the Naas, and although it may be some time before I shall be able to forward this, as we shall not likely have a mail again till February next, yet I wish to write you while these things are fresh in my mind.

My trip was later than I had intended on account of the work to be done in repairing the Church. Thank God the building is all well covered in again, and I trust much stronger than it ever was, and after the paint is renewed it will look as well as ever.

It is to us a great comfort to see how all parties came to our help both with work and donations so that I think, when all the subscriptions are in, the whole expense will be covered.

Great praise is due to our men who went to work for several days without pay, (we had some days as many as forty). The carpenter also to whom I expected to have to pay, at least six dollars per day, would take nothing, we were favoured with very fine weather so that three weeks after the roof was blown off, the Church was re-opened by a Thanksgiving service.

The estimated repairs at the start were \$1000, but the actual cost will be far below that, for the reason we have stated. This accident, trying as it was at the time, has done us all good, led us nearer to Christ I trust.

Our dear people, warm with the blessed revival which has been going on for several weeks, volunteered about fifty of them to go with me to Nass. We spent four days with Bro. Green, including a sabbath. It was a blessed time, much good, I trust, was done. We had a very rough trip on our way down, had at one time to run for the shore where amidst the rocks and breakers we found a little bay with enough of level beach to land upon. As we touched the shore every one was ready to spring, and the men bravely pulled our large canoes, three in number, out of reach of the waves, and in a few moments all were safely landed. It was a very cold day, but we made a good camp fire, and here we remained for the night. The next night we spent only about five miles farther down.

December 20th.—An Industrial show came off to-day. There were about 200 articles exhibited and sixty prizes given, much of the work shown is very well done. We do hope that the Government will be induced to take an interest in these annual shows, and by offering prizes of a few articles of clothing or tools to encourage the people to continue their efforts. Hitherto we have had to do it all ourselves.

January 15th, 1878.—The Christmas holidays passed off very much as at former times. The watch-