

Our members were a week ahead of the dancers in commencing their daily prayer-meetings, which will be kept up while the season of revelry lasts, and a little longer. Our native leaders and exhorters,—Kushen, Seloselton, and Sameaton—are rapidly growing in grace and the knowledge of Christ. The

first, as interpreter and native preacher, is very useful; Seloselton has been on a preaching tour with Bro. Crosby, and has been useful; Sameaton is on the mail-teamier, and spends his Sundays in Victoria, where he is received as sent of God to open up the work among the degraded Indians of that city.

*Letter from REV. MR. CROSBY, dated Chilliwack, Dec. 3rd, 1869.*

PROGRESS OF THE INDIAN WORK.

I am thankful to God that I am well in health again. During the past quarter I have made one visit to the coast of Vancouver Island; and I was delighted to find that the blessed work commenced among our Indians there, at our late camp-meeting, was still going on. The classes at the Nanaimo Mission number in all 46 members. To God be all the glory! We have hope now that several young men will be raised up as laborers in this great field. I had Bro. David Seloselton with me on my return here, and we have spent some weeks in visiting the tribes, and I have no doubt that his earnest way of telling the story of the cross, and his holy living, had a blessed effect among them. He visited one camp, where he met with an Indian priest. He spoke to him very kindly, and wished to shake hands with him; but the priest said "No; he had been taught not to shake hands with any who walked in his way, as they were all going to hell." David remarked, "Do you find that in the book?" The answer was, "I don't know the paper; but we are taught that." "Well," said David, "I read God's book, and it says all good people are kind. Now I think if you are angry you are not a good man; and if you don't get a new heart, you will go to hell." And he said the man got very angry, but he prayed God to bless him. In many cases he met with Indians, who told him that they would like to come to church to hear God's word, but they were afraid of the priest. Bro. David told them that "they should not fear the priest, nor any man, but fear God; He is the great Chief. We have many difficulties in our work among the Indians here, from priestcraft; but we have confidence in the power of truth.

A short time ago the priest visited

Kul-tus Lake, a tribe seven miles from here, and met with the chief, Captain John, a very intelligent Indian, who had left the priest. They entered into conversation, thus: Priest.—"John, you have made a great mistake; you have got into the wrong road; if you listen to the new teachers, you are sure to go to hell." John.—"Well, if I am in the wrong way, a great many more are with me; I am not alone." Priest.—"But you had better come back; it is not good for you to go with the white men and their minister." John.—"There is only one God, and I am very glad to hear God's word in my own tongue, and to go with the good white men, for they are very kind to me, and where they go, I wish to be." May God lead them to the true light!

NEW CHURCH—DAY-SCHOOL WANTED—  
EXTENSION OF MISSIONS.

Our new Church has been completed. It is 20 x 30 feet, very neat. It has cost over \$500, and thank God it is free of debt. The Indians gave \$40 towards it. We have service in it part of the day for the settlers, and part of the day for the natives. The day may come when we shall have to ask the Committee at home to assist in building a church for our Indian friends; and I trust we may soon have a day-school among them. Our Indian work here is so connected with the whites, that the two should be worked together. Each brother should have an Indian service connected with his work, which would assist a great deal in the general Indian work, and be a home for our Christian Indians when they visit the towns, very much as our work is carried on at Nanaimo; yet we ought to be taking up new work; and our young native agents would labor in this way. May the Lord bless our people at home, who pray and give for this glorious work!