

The people are scattering again, as food and fuel are getting scarce. They go over to a place called Works Canal, where halibut and game are quite plentiful, and fuel can be obtained with little labor. We are glad to be able to say that the children are improving in all departments of the work. Remember us at the throne of grace, that we may be drawn nearer to our Saviour, so that we may lead the children to a full consecration of themselves to Christ.

From Dr. Bolton.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., March 6th, 1896.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—

For some time I have thought of writing you some account of our work here, but from the pressure of other duties it was postponed. Miss Spence, too, has not written you for some months. She sprained her right wrist severely last October, and has done little writing since, and is only lately fully recovered.

During the fall and early part of the winter we had not so very many patients in, but since New Year our beds have been almost constantly full. Just now we have nine. These include a man from Bella-Bella, from whose neck I removed a tumor weighing four pounds; a boy from Hartley Bay, on whom I performed excision of the knee-joint; and a woman from Port Essington, who, on admission, was in a very low condition with heart disease and dropsy. These cases are all doing well. We have attempted more serious surgical work this year than formerly and have been blessed with good success. These operations are hard on the nerves when one has no other surgeon with whom to divide the responsibility. But we all draw strength from our invariable season of prayer before the operation. This soothes and assures the patient and strengthens the nerves and hearts of the operator and assistants, and who can say that a measure of our success is not due to the direct answer to prayer? We have not the appliances and do not claim the skill exhibited in the larger hospitals, yet our results would compare well with any. Let us give the glory where it belongs, to our Heavenly Father.