

**Queen Charlotte Islands.**—During the first half of the year a good many of our people were away from home, in places where it is very hard for them to live pure and sober lives, and many fell into sin. Shortly after they returned home in the fall, most of those who had fallen professed repentance and promised to live for God in the future, and our work during the past winter was more encouraging than usual. At Skidegate the services have been exceptionally well attended. We have had an exceedingly interesting Sabbath-school, with an average attendance of eighteen. Some adults prefer the Sabbath-school to the regular afternoon service. A day school, too, has been held, one session a day, for six months, with an average of between fifteen and sixteen. Fair progress has been made, considering the ability of Indian children. Seven or eight families of Gold Harbor moved to Skidegate this spring, and the rest will, in all probability, follow them, though at present they refuse to do so. Their moving will, we trust, prove a blessing to them in the end, though for the time being the excitement in connection therewith dampened somewhat their spiritual fervor. George Edgar, our native assistant, has been at Gold Harbor this year again. A day school and also a Sabbath-school have been maintained when practicable. A white man was expected to arrive at Clue in September, but the accident to the *Glad Tidings* prevented his reaching there till the middle of February. In the meantime we sent them a native from Skidegate. Notwithstanding their disappointment, the Clue people have been in excellent spirits the whole year. We thank God for the blessings of the past, and pray that He may continue to bless these poor people, and save them before they pass away.

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**Port Simpson.**—In returning to this mission last summer after a short absence, we could see marked improvements in many homes, and it was pleasant to hear expressions of kind welcome on the part of many of the people. We had to mourn the spiritual decline of some, but the Band Workers were alive, and as the people gathered home in the fall, it seemed for a time that we were on the eve of a sweeping revival, when, alas! some who were prominent made missteps and fell. This, with other things, seemed to hinder. Then as the festive times came on, the people entered into them with far too much zest for their own good. There was not only the attempt to imitate the white man, but in many cases the old heathen pride showed itself. Still the public services were well attended, and missionary and other collections good. Our want of a teacher the greater part of the year was much against us. The school was kept up by the assistants as best it could be. Dr. Bolton has been untiring in his ministrations to the sick, and in other ways also has been a great blessing to our work. Death has made inroads. In the fall a young man who had been one of our local preachers and class-leaders passed away. His hope in Christ was bright and firm to the last, and he did not fear to talk to every one who came near him of the Saviour and the necessity of being ready for his coming. A woman formerly of Metlakatla, but married here, died with a blessed confidence that she was going to be with the Saviour. But the death that most impressed the people was that of Paul

Legaic, the leading chief of the place, a quiet, good man. He left his home in the evening to attend a meeting; failing to return when expected, a search was made for him, and his lifeless body was found in the water not far from his own house. He had been somewhat subject to fits, and it was supposed he walked down the beach, fell in a fit and lay there till the tide caught him, and he was drowned. We have taken a subscription for a bell and other improvements on the Georgetown church, and also for our little church at Work's Channel. *The Girl's Home.*—Miss Hart says, "We have much to praise our Heavenly Father for. There has been no sickness to speak of among the children. Our four boys entered the Boys' Home last fall. Since then we have taken in eight girls, making our number at the present twenty-one. Several applicants have been refused for want of room. The children, as a whole, have made good progress in every household department. There has not been the earnestness manifested in religion that we longed for, but in personal conversation they all seem anxious not only to live good lives, but to give themselves wholly to Christ. We are about to enlarge this work, as a Home capable of keeping fifty children is about to be erected." The necessity of our Boys' Boarding School becomes more apparent every day. Seven boys are in residence at present, and applications for admission are being made constantly, and have to be refused. We trust that the church may soon get at this important work. We are earnestly praying that God would pour out His spirit upon this people, and that many souls may be saved.

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**New Kit-ze-gucla.**—We have many reasons for gratefulness to God that He has not left us to ourselves during the winter. While our hearts have been cheered by the working of the Spirit on the hearts of some of the people, we could not help feeling very sorry to see others yielding to the temptation of the potlach and heathen dances. When we arrived in the fall we found but few people home, so it was quite late before we could obtain any assistance to build a mission house. On that account we bought a log cabin, which was quite new, and had it taken down and rebuilt, with the addition of two more rooms, on the mission site. On the third Sunday of November we opened our new church, some attended from other missions. At the morning service three children were baptized, and in the afternoon we had a love-feast. On Monday evening the people gave a tea, and afterwards made speeches to strengthen one another's heart in the good way. Christmas-day was one which our people will not soon forget. At the morning service fifty were listening to the story of the Saviour's birth, and all felt grateful to God for being permitted to spend the day in celebrating it. The watch-night service was a time of heart-searching to all present. At the beginning of the new year the special services began, and lasted four weeks. The result was that believers were quickened, backsliders returned to their kind Shepherd, and others professed to enter His fold. We had night school for a while, but owing to the special services it had to be closed. Old Kit-ze-gucla village has been visited during the winter, and Sunday and week-night services have been regularly held. In our opin-