

further respecting this, except that the *great significance* of such experiences, sustained by daily life, can only be understood properly, in their relation to the Gospel and Church, by a knowledge of *the awful pit of heathendom*, from which they have been graciously delivered.

Bro. Thos. Crosby, received last Conference on probation, is a master in the Nanaimo language, which embraces about thirty tribes, speaking the same tongue, and which gives him a great influence over the Indians, who think very much of him. His Circuit is large; in fact without bounds almost—being no less a field than British Columbia. He travels mostly by canoe and steamer, often lodging in the Indian camp, along the beach, under a tree—just wherever

night overtakes him. His life is surely, in manner, a primitive one, and involves great zeal, wisdom, faith, charity, and self-denial. At a future time I may give an account of a two days' tour that I had with him and Bro. Kushan, in a canoe. Having furnished our *muck-a-muck*, (food) we called at different camps and places between Nanaimo and Victoria, preaching, exhorting, praying, and singing, to and with some who had threatened the life of Brother Crosby, as he was quieting a row. It afforded me a little insight into his missionary life of joy and sorrow, and the Satanic work of the double-armed whiskey agents. But, thank God, "of His government and peace there shall be no end." Let us pray that the word of the Lord may have free course.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

The Rev. C. A. JONES writes from *Hall's Bridge*, one of the newest of our widening and numerous Domestic Missions:

Returning home in the last days of January, after an absence of about two weeks, I was greatly cheered to find the work of God gloriously prospering. During my absence the Lord had graciously owned the labors of my colleague, Brother Winter, and a local preacher, Brother Reid, in the conversion of nearly an entire settlement. Not a Protestant family remained unrepresented among the saved. Every Protestant adult, except four or five, and some of the children professed

to have received the blessing of pardon, nearly all of whom gave their names as church members. We scarcely had a name in this settlement before, and the people almost to a man were notoriously wicked. One of themselves since said to me if they had gone on in drunkenness a little longer, as they had been going, they would be ruined soul and body. Since coming to this mission the Lord has been pleased to give between 200 and 300 souls for our hire. To him be eternal praise.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS.—Will the Superintendents of Circuits and Missions kindly pay particular attention to the instructions contained in the Official Circular of November last, in reference to the preparation of their lists, using the blank forms furnished them for that purpose, and handing in the same, with the monies, to the Chairman at or before the District Meeting in May.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS.—Brethren on Missions will excuse our reminding them that all Reports of the Religious State of the Work should be read to, and have the sanction of a District Meeting. Great improvement has, of late, been made in this department; we hope that all Reports will be forthcoming according to rule. Chairmen of Districts will be sure to call for them.

INCOME RECEIVED.—Why should the Treasurers complain? First because they think that at the expiration of ten months more than \$6,957.83 should have been received up to April 9th; and second, because by withholding payment to the end of the year they cannot supply the wants of the Missionaries and their families as they ought to be supplied. Can no improvement be made upon this dilatory practice?