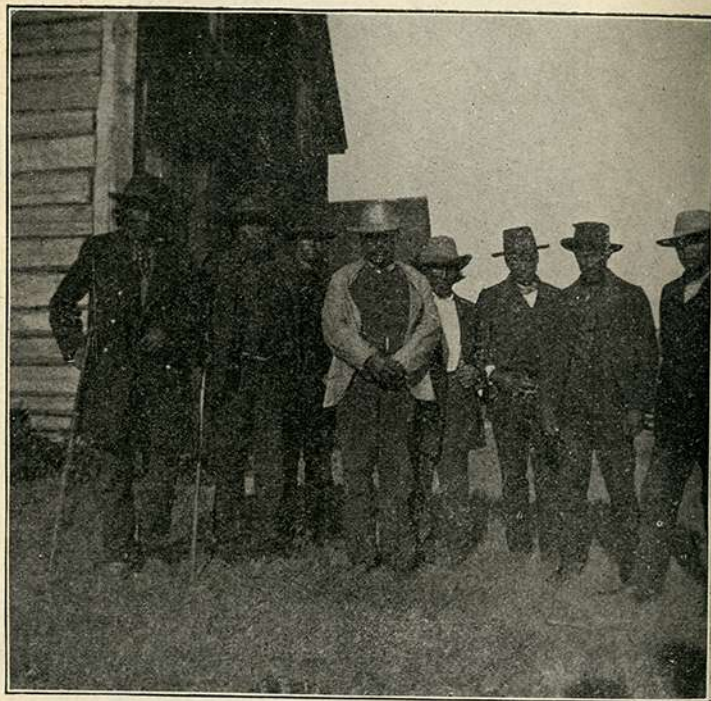


back upon the season and can sum up its experiences, we can see that the affairs of our lives are best in the hands of the all-wise God, although in our haste and shortsightedness we would have had them come differently had we the direction of them.

Yours in Christ,

A. McNEILL.



NORWAY HOUSE INDIANS.

LETTER FROM

Horace C. Wrinch, M.D.,

HAZLETON, B.C.

Supported by the Epworth Leagues of Belleville and Picton Districts and Students of Albert College.

HAZLETON, B.C.,

September 17th, 1903.

My Dear Friends,—So many things crowd for attention that the days never seem long enough. We keep thinking that after this, or that, or the other thing is done there will be time for something that has been postponed for a "more convenient season." But that convenient season seems hard to get one's hands on.

After this introduction you will want to know what has kept us so busy. Early in the spring we commenced clearing the land, and digging a well preparatory to building our house and hospital. In the beginning of May the carpenters commenced our house. It is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles distant from where we were living in Hazelton, and of course I had to come out every day and keep an eye on how things were going. All the land around us was covered with brush and small second growth timber. We have nearly six acres of it cleared, so that it does not feel so much as if we were living in the bush. We had the outside of the house painted by the carpenters, but the inside we thought we would try to do ourselves in "spare moments." So far we have only finished one room, the study. But the others look very well anyway, so we are not hurrying with that work. We moved in early in August, and since then have been making bedsteads, putting up shelving, building woodshed and hen-house, and many other little things that take time but seem too unimportant to speak about.

Our New House Begun in May.

But, besides getting the house built and settling in it, we have been getting material together for our hospital, about

sixty-three thousand feet of lumber, besides all the doors, windows and mouldings, which latter, together with hardware and tar paper, had to be ordered and sent up from Vancouver. We succeeded in getting all the material together and hauled out to us here, and about ten days ago the carpenters came back to us and commenced on the hospital itself. And now the frame of it is up, or at least the frame of the main part. That is as much as we expect to get under way this fall. We expect to get that much covered in and the roof completed before cold weather sets in. Then the inside

Our Hospital Material.



COOPER AND LEONARD WRINCH.
(Youngest.) (Eldest.)

work can be proceeded with in the spring far sooner than outside work could be commenced.

As soon as we found we would not have the hospital ready for occupation this winter, we at once decided that we must take some of the most needy patients into our own house. So we decided to set aside our sitting room and two bedrooms for hospital purposes for this winter. Before we had been in our house two weeks we had two patients in with us, and we have had two of our rooms occupied by patients nearly ever since. Just now we have three patients with us, two of whom have undergone serious operations and are making good progress in recovery.

Our Hospital in our Home this Winter.

It is not pleasant sometimes to have patients in one's own home, especially when the disease is of a more or less contagious or repulsive character, and especially also when there are children in the house. But it is in just this work that we find our greatest encouragement. Just before administering the anesthetic to a patient this week we had a very serious talk with him and were glad to find he was in a most repentant condition. He had formerly been a Christian, but for some two years had been gradually falling back, and had even told some that he did not believe there was anything in Christianity. But when this attack came on it brought him back to himself and he began to pray again. He promised us that it was his full purpose if raised up again to turn his back upon his godless friends, and to strive with all his power to live the better life. He believes, as we suggested, that God had sent this sickness to give him warning and to bring him back. Both of the other patients say that they intend to live better lives than hitherto. One of them, I believe, is in earnest, but the other is one who so often professes far more than he lives up to, that we cannot help feeling some misgivings concerning him. They all certainly need all the grace that we can pray down upon them. So I have told you of this so that you may join us in earnest prayer that they be kept true to their better natures and obtain a place in the great inheritance.

The patients' friends, too, seem to appreciate the improvement over old methods. One of them, who had been down to visit his brother who is sick here, went back to Kishpiax, and when in the testimony meeting in church he related how he had been to the hospital to see the sick and had found them each with a Bible in his bed. He thought that was far better than their old heathen ways, when they used to throw an old skin upon the sick man—the skin so old sometimes that nearly all the hair was worn off it, and yet it was thought to have some charm

What a Patient's Brother Reported.

to drive away the bad spirit or to bring back the sick man's soul. So you see the good influence extends to far more than those who are actually sick. We do not mind inconvenience in our home if we find such good results coming from it as this tells of.

We do not find any reluctance to coming in to be treated, in fact, the difficulty seems to lie in the opposite direction. They come and ask to be taken in. And they are not very anxious sometimes to get away when they are given permission.

We find that being able to take in even only three or four at a time makes our work much more satisfactory to ourselves, as well as to our patients.

Now we are making good use of the supplies you prepared and sent us the summer before last. The pillows, quilts, sheets, towels, clothing, etc., all fill necessary places now. Having these things on hand we were able to take

**Our Work
Appreciated.**

in and care for the people immediately we got into our house. I am sure you will be glad to know that your work has already begun to bear fruit. These people are not at all free in expressing gratitude or appreciation, but we can see they are glad to be thus cared for.

Probably it is not too early now to speak about supplies for next spring. We shall be in urgent need of more household requisites early next summer when we open the hospital. Some have asked us to let them know when we needed such help. We are sending the list of requirements to Mrs. F. C. Stephenson, 81 Czar Street, Toronto, who has kindly promised to receive the things for us and have them packed and forwarded. Will you

**How the
Leagues Can
Help us.**

please write to her and find out what there is that you can supply, and also get particulars about when and how to forward them.

Next summer will be our year of heaviest expense. Building is very expensive up here, and having to get furnishings sent in from so far (we get some in Toronto and some in Vancouver) makes them come with a heavy

freight bill. Then, also, we have to get provisions ahead for fall and winter, or else pay much more for them at local stores. You can understand why we shall be glad to get substantial help of any kind next year. Your former prompt and hearty response assures us that you will not be slow to do what is reasonable this winter again.

We have heard from a good friend in Picton, as well as from other sources, of the most successful gathering you had during the summer at Twelve O'clock Point. I know that such a gathering must have been inspiring; and more than that, I know that it will leave or produce results that will be unending for good. I hope that next year will be

**Don't Forget
to Write to us
Once in
Awhile.**

an even greater success, and would very much like to join you at it. But that will be out of the question for me next year, I expect. Perhaps, sometime, in the future we may have the pleasure and privilege of some such reunion. Until then we may still be united in spirit and purpose, and this, I trust, we shall be indeed. Don't forget to write us once in awhile, dear friends. I know you are busy, but we are, too; and although, perhaps, we should lose more than you if we neglected our end of the correspondence, yet, I believe the blessing would not be all on one side if you would send us a message of good fellowship and encouragement once in awhile.

With most sincere regards and prayer that this fall and winter season may be one of much blessing in all your work. Yours very truly in the Master's service,

HORACE C. WRINCH.

LETTER FROM

Rev. B. C. Freeman,

PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

*Supported by Epworth Leagues of Guelph District.*PORT SIMPSON, B.C.,
Sept., 1903.

Dear Friends,—Your District President, Mr. Chas. Harris, writes me of your coming convention. I send greetings, hoping they may not be too late for the convention, as they were last time. We are glad to hear that the Forward Movement is growing stronger. May God bless you in your work at your end of the line.

You want me to write something about our work here, but the field is so new to me that I find myself at a loss for interesting matter. Many of the people have not come home yet to stay, so I have not had an opportunity to get in touch with them, and this is the first requisite for successful work. Not only must I win the confidence of the people, but I myself must come into close sympathy with their lives before I can hope to do them much good.

A good work is going on with the forty-four girls in the Crosby Girls' Home. A number of them openly confess Christ, and others are being strongly influenced for good.

The teachers say there is a marked improvement in their behaviour, and that they give evidence of trying to maintain a true Christian spirit in their daily life. We have been trying to foster this movement by a Monday afternoon catechumen class, which we think has been helpful.

Port Simpson
is a new
field to us.

The Monday
Afternoon
Class in the
Girls' Home.

On Monday evening the workers from the Home and Hospital gather in the mission house for prayer-meeting.

We find it most helpful to our own spiritual life, and a strong stimulus to our zeal in the work which is made a special subject of prayer and counsel. It has occurred to me

that it would be encouraging to us to be able to think that some of our brethren in the East were remembering us especially these Monday evenings.

Thursday evening is our regular prayer-meeting evening,



THE MISSION HOUSE AND CHURCH AT PORT SIMPSON.

but the attendance from the village has been rather slim as yet. The Sunday services, especially the morning service, have been better attended. But oh, the misery of preaching through an interpreter. One said that while he mused the fire burned, but I cannot think that it was while he was waiting to have his last sentence interpreted. I have started at the language, just enough to realize how much work I have before me.

To-day Mr. and Mrs. Bromwich called on their way to

The Church
Services.
I am studying
the language.

Skidegate to hold the field until an ordained man can be found for our old field. I purpose accompanying them to Skidegate, and shall be glad of the opportunity of renewing old acquaintances. The Haidas have still a warm place in our hearts, and we would be sorry to think that you had forgotten our old friends. Pray for them in this time of their need that a man may be found to take the field permanently.

We earnestly pray for you and the Church at home, that she realize her great opportunity, nay her great privilege.

Yours in the Master's service,

B. C. FREEMAN.



CHILDREN OF REV. S. S. OSTERHOUT.
Mr. Freeman's predecessor at Port Simpson.

LETTER FROM

Rev. William Pierce,

KISHPIAX, B.C.

Supported by the British Columbia Conference Epworth Leagues.

INVERNESS CANNERY, SKEENA RIVER, B.C.,

July 27th, 1903.

Dear Fellow-workers,—As the fishing season is just about to close, I would like to give you a little news about the mission work done during the summer months. There

are now thirteen canneries on this river, so you may imagine a great number of hands, both men and women, have to be employed on the different kinds of work. There are whites, Japanese, Chinese and Indians all congregated at each cannery.

All the cannery men were hoping to put up larger packs than usual this season. Great preparations were made and a good deal of money expended. After all this the season

The Fishing Season a Failure.

has proved to be a total failure. This means a hard time for everybody. Notwithstanding so much discouragement, our services both here and at North Pacific have

been well attended. At this place the Port Simpson Epworth Leaguers and the Church Army have had united services every Sunday afternoon. After they finished with their outdoor service they had another service in the

The Sunday Services.

English Church, while at the same hour Sunday School was held in our own church.

About sixty names of children were taken this summer, and the average attendance was forty.

The Northern Pacific Cannery Company has built a new church for the people there this summer, the old one being too small to accommodate the crowd. It is not

Church Improvements.

finished yet. At the end of last season we took up a subscription amongst the people here for new church seats. They are now

in their places and everybody is delighted at the much needed improvements.

On the fourth of July the Port Chesters (Mr. Duncan's people) had quite a celebration at North Pacific Cannery. One of the steamboats brought a number of their friends over from Alaska to enjoy the day with them, also the steamer *Hazleton* came down from Essington with a crowd. But unfortunately things were carried too far.



ERNEST PIERCE,
Kishpiax, B.C.

A Picnic with a Bad Ending.

In some way whiskey was obtained by four or five of the young people, consequently all their summer's earnings had to go to pay the fines. What is needed is the religion of our Lord Jesus in the heart, to keep them from falling into sin. Civilization without heartfelt religion is not sufficient.

In about two weeks we shall start for our home in the Upper Skeena again. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

W. H. PIERCE

LETTER FROM

Rev. John McDougall, D.D.,

CALGARY, N.W.T.

*Supported by the Epworth Leagues of Walkerton and
Wiarton Districts.*

NORWAY HOUSE,
Sept. 15th, 1903.



REV. JOHN MCDUGALL, D.D.,

*Supported by the Epworth
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Wiarton Districts.*

Dear Fellow workers,—Here we are back at Norway House from our long trip to Cross Lake and Nelson House, six hundred miles by canoe, with fifty-seven portages—long and short, good and exceedingly bad—thrown in to break the monotony. We had many opportunities to climb rocks, walk through forest gardens, and find our way through muskeg and swamp, often carrying loads which sometimes were

“heavy to be borne.”

At Cross Lake and Nelson House we were very fortunate in meeting almost all the Indians of the intensely nomadic population. At both places the churches were packed to their utmost capacity. At Cross Lake many who could not find room inside stood at door and window, notwithstanding storm and rain, hungry for the Word.

Cross Lake
and Nelson
House.

These people are eager to learn of Christian work among God's people in older lands, and are intensely interested in the progress of civilization at the front. The glad welcome and profound attention given to us by these