

Along the Line.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

*Letter from REV. C. M. TATE, dated BELLA-BELLA,
Dec. 11th, 1883.*

I ought to have written you on my arrival here, but I found so much to attend to, it was almost an impossibility. We had a very nice trip over the N.P.R., spent one Sunday in Chicago—where the Rock River Conference was in session—and the next Sunday in Portland. Found Brothers Crosby and Green in Victoria. The former had been visiting Queen Charlotte's Island, and could get home only by going around by Victoria. The latter, I suppose, was down to get his winter supplies. We had an informal District Meeting, and talked over our district affairs. Brother Watson thought it a good chance to hold his missionary meeting, so he made hasty arrangements. It was held on Sunday evening. The house was crowded, and it was a glorious occasion. "The most successful missionary meeting Victoria has ever had," so say some of the office-bearers.

We are now in the midst of a good work among our people. Some that have long held out against the gospel invitation are now seeking the Saviour. About twenty have declared their desire to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, and determined to give up their heathenism entirely. Some that were the most desperate in wickedness, seem to be humbly sitting at the feet of Jesus. Where once the heathen drum and the wizard's song were heard, hymns of praise are now offered to the only true God; and class-meetings are now held in the very houses where dark scenes of cruelty were once practiced. "God's word has made this change," so said an Indian in the meeting last night. We trust that such an influence for good will be created in our village this winter that the outside tribes will be constrained to seek the Lord.

My heart grieves for the poor people at Bella Coola, and I wish I could be at liberty to go to them. An occasional visit does not seem to produce any fruit. If we had the right sort of man to place there, it would soon be one of our best stations. A few may say they do not want the missionary, but that does not nullify the command of Christ, and I feel confident that, in a very short time, many would flock to the side of the missionary.

Weekeeno is a hard place, but the softening influence of the gospel is equal to the hardest. Bro. Pierce is doing faithful work there, both among whites and Indians.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

*Letter from W. A. ELIAS, Native Assistant, dated
CHRISTIAN ISLAND, Dec. 14th, 1883.*

WE are now about to close our protracted meetings which have been in progress nearly five weeks. The Spirit is coming upon us with a great converting power.

Many young have been truly converted to God, and our weaknesses exchanged for the strength and power

of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual state of this Mission is entirely revived, and we are yet looking for greater blessings. Many are yet seeking for the remission of sin. The cause of God has been greatly improved since our successful camp-meeting occasion. We are greatly encouraged with a more yearning spirit to labor for our Master's cause.

A little over a month ago, our eldest girl went to be with the loved ones gone before to that blest home above; but the sympathizing spirit of those people, with the help of the Holy Spirit, cleared our clouded hearts. God is precious to our souls.

Beausoliel Island has been visited again not long ago. We have very few members there. Your missionary spent four days with them. They are most of them true followers of the Lord. We are trying to induce them to come and live on this island, which we think would be better for them.

JAPAN.

*Letter from REV. Y. HIRAIWA to the Chairman, dated
KOFU, 8th October, 1883.*

I WENT into the prison to preach yesterday afternoon. The warden told me the whole number of the convicts was about 270. I believe all of them assembled in and out of a pretty large hall. The warden and almost all the rest of the authorities were present too in the back room. Stating my purpose for coming there, and also my usual custom of praying to God, I commenced praying for them, while they quietly bowed down; and then preached from the text in Acts xvii. 30th verse, for an hour and a-half. All listened remarkably well, with the exception of about five; and also I saw a few persons in tears while I was preaching. At the end I said to my audience that if they could really understand my discourse, and meant sincerely to repent toward God, they were required to lift their right hand up. Up rose quite many hands here and there instantly, to my gratification. I prayed and gave thanks unto God. After my prayers, I asked those who lifted their hands to remain and put down their names. They did, and I found by counting there were seventy-four in all. I have all their names. I would not wonder if there were some chaff among them; but I am unwilling to imagine for a moment that they all were chaff. I had been earnestly praying for this result since the last Friday. I am going to return there next Sabbath, to tell of the love of Jesus, their Saviour and Friend. I took with me there that young man who had been baptized the Sabbath before the last, and he was profoundly impressed at the scene, and thereby a very salutary effect was produced upon him. As to going to Shidzuoka, &c., I would rather be excused for the sake of work here.

FRENCH MISSIONS.

*Letter from REV. M. SADLER, dated POINT ST. CHARLES,
Montreal, Dec. 25th, 1883.*

I never had more reason to be encouraged than I have at present. The past year has been one of marked success on this Mission. Since Conference I have, by the blessing of God, received on trial nine persons. My congregation is increasing every week,