

sleep I was up hearty, though somewhat tired. The morning was rainy, so that the congregation in that church was not very large. I gave them a sermon, and then they held a prayer-meeting. To-night they are to hold the missionary meeting. What part I shall take I don't know. To-morrow I preach in Numadzu. Tuesday, lecture in afternoon and preach at night—same two services on Wednesday. Wednesday evening the Doctor will be with us, and on Thursday we start homeward.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SAFE ARRIVAL OF THE "GLAD TIDINGS" AT PORT SIMPSON.

WE have pleasure in recording the safe return of Mr. Chaippa with his steam propeller, at his prosperous mission, in time to conduct the usual annual religious services observed by the Methodist churches at the end of the old and the beginning of the new year. Mr. Crosby seems well satisfied with the sailing qualities of his missionary steam schooner, and, whilst anticipating good results from her voyages to the different mission stations, is naturally anxious but hopeful about the payment of the last one thousand dollars which is due in March. We commend his letter, and one from Bella-Bella, to our readers, both being full of encouragement to givers and workers.

From the REV. THOMAS CROSBY, dated PORT SIMPSON, December 18th, 1884.

By this time you have, no doubt, heard of the completion of the mission ship *Glad Tidings*. She left Victoria for her first trip to the north November, and considering the lateness of the season, we had a good trip, making the run in about six days' running time. We called at Nanaimo and Bella-Bella. Bro. Cuyler is doing well at Bella-Bella; we had a blessed day with them. Brother Pierce is at Bella-Coola; may God bless him in that hard new field. It was too late for us to go in to see him. We called at Hyhice, visited and preached to the people, and on the Wednesday we got to Port Essington, where we found Bro. Jennings and his people in good spirits, preached to them, baptized some children and one poor man who has been brought to Christ. We took on wood and left early on Thursday, and although we encountered fog, made a call at Inverness. We got home by 3 p.m.

The people had been looking for us for some time, and, as it had been very stormy weather, had been much concerned about our safety. So on the first appearance of smoke they had seen us, and on our approach to the village the cannons were fired and flags flying at every pole, and all the people were out to give us a hearty welcome and then to shake hands all round. The brass band escorted us up to the mission house. The next day a good tea-meeting and a general time of thanksgiving for our safe arrival. Visited among the sick and aged one old man who had been ailing for some time; said he crawled to the door to see the boat come in, "and now," said he, "I told them I

can die, as I have seen the long-looked-for mission ship."

Brother Green writes in good spirits from Naas. I should have gone there, but a strong north wind set in, and has been the coldest weather we have ever had here.

We shall not hear from Bro. Hopkins at Skit-e-gate till spring. Bro. Robinson is well at Kit-a-maat. Miss Lawrence is doing her best with the school, but it is too much for her in the winter, and she wishes to give it up. I do wish we had a good man for this work. It would be well if we could get a good man and his wife—he to take the school and she to take the Home, as Miss Hendry will likely leave for other work soon, so we shall need a matron.

Well, a word about the boat here. She is, so far, a grand success. She will run a hundred miles on a ton of coal; two men and a boy will work her. I expect that before long she will so far pay her own expenses that she will do the mission work free, so I trust it will be seen that she is not the expensive thing that some faint-hearted ones said she would be. The last payment, to be made in March, is \$1,000. I would like to see the Missionary Society send us on the half of that, so they may have a good plank in the grandest little ship, and the only Methodist mission ship, on this coast. She made more than double her expenses on the trip up from Victoria.

We need, and are longing and praying for, a blessed revival; our people were never in a better or more harmonious spirit than now. We wish, also, to get through our church improvement. We are trying to have the people help themselves all we can. I hope to hear that you are having enthusiastic meetings and a great increase in the income.

P.S.—Jan. 18th, 1885. We have had a very happy Xmas and New Years. Our watch meeting and covenant services were blessed times, and now already the people have begun to scatter for logs and wood and canoes and hunting.

Word from Bro. Pierce at Bella-Coola is very good; the Lord is with that brother in very deed. May all those poor, blind people be brought to Christ, and the way be opened to the far interior through British Columbia and the Chilliteon Valley.

Facts and Illustrations.

THERE is not a moment without some duty.—*Cicero*.

WHEN we are most ready to perish, then is God most ready to help us.—*Luther*.

EIGHTY-FIVE thousand dollars have been contributed toward the erection of a German Evangelical Church in Jerusalem.

THE Indian census shows that the native Christians are increasing fifteen times as fast as the general population.

A SCHOOL for Christian workers has been organized at Springfield, Mass. It has a two years' course, and is intended to fit young men for clergymen's assistants, Sunday school superintendents, etc.