Emma

Port Simpson

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My dear Father,

We were very glad indeed to receive your last letter, as we always are to hear from you. We rejoice with you in the peace of mind which you enjoy, and it is a great help to our faith and hope to know that the way is grown so increasingly bright and happy with you. We give thanks on your behalf. I had written you shortly before your letter came.

Mr. Crosby was away still in Victoria when he had been detained much longer than he had expected awaiting the completion of the "Glad Tidings." He found it very trying being kept away from home and from his work here so long,

but the people were kept in quietness, and everything seemed to go on well, while Mr. Crosby found it a great advantage to be on the spot to superintend the fitting out of the Str.
It is a fine little vessel, said to be one of the best in the country, and we believe it to be a child of Providence.
An excellent ship carpenter who was converted in New Westminster undertook to build it as Missionary work, at a low figure - he did his work admirably, and has attached himself to the Str. so that he seems bent on keeping with her. Though not a qualified engineer, yet he has made himself sufficiently acquainted with the machinery to run it very well - and when not busy on board is ready to do any work that offers on shore. He is a

devoted Christian & worker
a most valuable man in every
way. The weather was so
stormy when we were expecting the
Ch. up and it was so delayed
that we felt a good deal of anxiety.
The Indians, who are easily excited,
would come to me & say they
thought surely something must have
happened, and if Mr Crosby did
not come before much longer they
would start off in their canoes to
look for him - but for my part
I could feel confident mostly that
a kind Providence would watch
over him & over the vessel built
for his service & bring them here
in safety. And so it was, after
a pleasant & prosperous journey -
Mr Crosby himself being pilot - they
reached here on the 11th Dec - on
a lovely day. There was great
rejoicing - cannon fired - colors flying
on shore & on board, and our
native brass band out, to
escort Mr Crosby to the Mission house.

We had a very pleasant Christmas
great harmony among the people.
The unsettled state of their land
has disturbed them somewhat,
but most of them look at the
matter reasonably — No treaty has
ever been made with the Indians
of this country — and this they
desire should be done before they
accept any portion as a reserve.
They intend to appeal to Ottawa
in the matter & if necessary to
England — The newspapers
you have ordered reached us.
We thank you very much.
You speak of my sending for
anything I need, and you will
pay for it — it is very kind of
you to think of it. I do not feel
that I ought to burden you — in
this way — but there are sometimes
little things I cannot get to advantage
here — and if you would be so
kind as to give Susie two or three dollars
to spend in stockings for the
children I should be much obliged.
There are so many little but to cover.

We have been mostly well. Thomas had a severe attack of asthma soon after he came home which kept him in the house nearly a week. He will be away a good deal I expect, if all is well, visiting the Missions.
The children are doing well - but Susie suffers a great deal with head-ache.
I hope you have not suffered with the cold as much as you did last winter. It would, as you say, be delightful if you could visit us here. I believe you would see a great deal that you would give thanks for, and we should feel it an honor to have you here. I trust we may all meet above. We have indeed great cause for gratitude. Our love to Susie & all the family and to Georgie, and my husband & children join me in most affectionate greetings to you, my dear Father.

Your loving daughter,
Emma.