

Missionary Intelligence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A letter has been received from Rev. R. Jamieson, dated Victoria, 25th June.

The removal of the seat of government from New Westminster has effected a considerable change in the prospects of that town. Mr. Jamieson still speaks of it hopefully. Shortly before writing, he had spent a week in New Westminster, and dispensed the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The congregations, he says, were good, and sixteen communicants commemorated Christ's dying love at His Table. The Sabbath School is at present in good working order. It has five teachers and about twenty-five scholars. The sum of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) had been collected in a few days to purchase a library.

In Victoria the career of Mr. Somerville appears to be drawing to a close. The evil results of his divisive courses are likely to be felt for many days. Having failed in his attempt to take the church in Victoria over to the Kirk of Scotland, he divided the congregation, already sufficiently weak, into two sections, and more recently he has been carrying on a law suit against the trustees of the church for his salary. Judging from the comments of the Victoria Press, which have come into our hands, this suit cannot have redounded much to his credit. Mr. Jamieson, we are glad to learn from his letter has, in present circumstances, agreed to supply Victoria on alternate Sabbaths. He is anxiously looking for another missionary to aid him in the wide field which he occupies. It appears that there has been no Protestant minister, of any church, labouring in Cariboo since Mr. Duff left. A Romish priest has been the only minister of religion in that region. We trust that the churches in Scotland and Ireland will come to our aid, and enable us to do something more adequate for British Columbia.

WM. McL.

Belleville, 11th August, 1868.

LETTER FROM REV. J. NISBET.

St. Paul, Minn., U. S., July 25th, 1868.

Rev. Wm. McLaren, Belleville, Ontario.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—Before proceeding farther on my journey, I must send you a few lines to let you know that I am fairly on my way back to my work at the Saskatchewan.

On looking back on my visit to the provinces, I have reason to hope that it has not been without some good result, so far as the mission is concerned. I hope that many of our friends have now a better idea of the character of our work than they had before, and that henceforward they will feel a greater interest in it. They know that a mission to the *heathen* has really been commenced under hopeful auspices; that the Indians are generally friendly, and are already beginning to place themselves under religious instruction. They know that a few Indian children have already been received into the mission family, and are being educated and trained as christians, and they know that many applications on behalf