

place. Whilst at church we were greatly astonished at the interpreter, (an Indian woman,) who interpreted Mr. Crosby's sermon, word for word, to the Indians throughout the whole service, without any difficulty. At the conclusion of the service, on invitation from Mr. Crosby, General Howard made a few remarks and

prayer. The General was greatly pleased with his visit to Fort Simpson, and was heard to say he would not have missed going there and seeing for himself the great change that can be brought about by the simple preaching of the gospel amongst the Northern Indians."

CARIBOO.

Letter from the Rev. C. L. THOMPSON, dated June 1st, 1875.

When I dated my last letter, Nov. 18th, 1874, winter was just commencing, or, rather, we had only had three weeks' sleighing. At the end of seven months, instead of singing,

"The sunlight fills the trembling air,
And balmy days their guerdons bring,
The earth again is young and fair,
And amorous with musky spring,"

we chant,

"Oh ! winter, wilt thou never, never go ?
Oh ! summer, but I weary for thy coming."

Intense cold alternated with violent snow storms has been the order of our winter. The road between here and Van Winkle was at times impassable, except to foot passengers. Yet we succeeded in keeping up regular appointments until the last of February. Throughout March and April it was impossible to do so, consequently I preached alternate Sundays at each place. Bros. Munro and Fergusson supplied our pulpit at Barkerville when I was absent. Though we are suffering a great financial depression at Cariboo, yet "the best of all is, God is with us." At our last communion service at Van Winkle, God was pleased to sweetly draw one young man to follow Jesus, ready to do His will. When the invitation was given to all who "intended to lead a new life" to assemble around

the table of our dying Lord, he came forward and entered into covenant vows henceforth to be a disciple of the "meek and lowly One," who for "our sakes became poor." Signs of reformation in others lead us to pray in faith that God will work a work which *none* can hinder. Oh, if we can be instrumental in leading precious souls to the rich and inexhaustible mines of *pure gold*, labor will be rest !

Owing to the itinerant character of mining camps we find it necessary to move our church at Van Winkle about two miles down the creek, to the new town of Stanley. The population of Lightning Creek is centring there, and in order "to be all things to all men," we must accommodate ourselves to the people. This will necessitate considerable expense. I cannot say how much yet. We trust though, notwithstanding our population is not one-half what it was eighteen months ago, to keep clear of debt, except for a short time. We gladly hail the tidings of Brother Turner coming to Nicola Valley this year. To have one unfolding the banner and telling the "old, old story," even within two hundred and fifty miles, will gladden our hearts and give us new strength to "fight the good fight of faith" in this land of sin.

CHILLIWHACK—CAMP MEETING.

This annual "feast of tabernacles" commenced June 2nd, under the charge of Rev. W. Pollard, Chairman of the District, and closed at noon on the 7th. There was an unprece-

dent attendance from Victoria, both of Whites and Indians, and a fair representation from New Westminster with their pastor, Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A.