

tudes are found penitently crying for pardon and salvation, would be indeed an irrefragable proof of the unrevoked promise being still available, "and I am with you always, even unto the end." May God grant us this long-looked-for blessing.

Mr. Robson's incipient efforts for the improvement of the Nanaimo Indians is exciting interest, and although there are opposing influences such as are rarely found in such intricate combination, yet I trust they will be overcome by the patient and persevering application of Divinely instituted means.

A new church is nearly completed at Yale. I expected to be there at its dedication to-morrow. But the sudden cold has temporarily closed the Frazer River navigation, and prevented the steamers leaving for that place this week.

In Victoria we are proceeding with our regular work, and although we have no special or striking incidents to report, still we are not without indications of the Divine presence and influence. Attentive hearing of the word, and generous support of our cause are among our encouragements. In about a fortnight hence, a ladies' sale is to be held for the purpose of procuring a Harmonium or other suitable musical instrument for our church. I anticipate successful results, which will be highly creditable to the zeal and devotedness of the ladies whose industry has been devoted to getting it up.

And now, my dear brother, what can I say more than has been so fre-

quently said, as to the great disadvantages to which we are subjected by the non-reinforcement of the mission.—Nearly another year has fled since your *promise* of an assistant reached me. Here I have been an unwilling prisoner, unable to even visit some of the occupied posts, and mourning over the absence of Methodist agency in the mining regions. We are unable even to carry out our proposed plan for holding Missionary Meetings, nor can we render any mutual assistance, should the state of our work encourage protracted meetings or other special effort.

I say but little as to the wear and tear of mind to which I am personally subjected by my lonely position, multiplied duties and responsibilities, and anxiety worthy to represent the cause of Methodism. If it please God that I shall be rapidly urged to the close of my ministerial career, by this long continued pressure, I know I ought not to complain. But whether living or dying I must urge upon the attention of the Committee the indescribable importance of sending to the country the promised aid without another month's delay. If sent even then, he will not be here before an influx of thousands will be here on their way to the Cariboo and other diggings, where such a field of moral destitution will exist as you cannot conceive of unless Christian ministrations be increased. I trust, however, that ere now the plan is being carried into effect by which you will place an additional member in our District Meeting, to be held the first week in March, 1862.

*Extract of a Letter from the Rev. A. Browning, dated Fort Hope, British Columbia, dated 10th Nov., 1861.*

Allow me to express my sincere sympathy with you in the severe trials so mysteriously awarded you by divine providence. I am thankful to know that with your anguish of soul you possess loyal acquiescence in the will divine, knowing that *He doeth all things well*. God, my very dear sir, is teaching you that you may instruct us, and I feel that your joy in sorrow—peace in suffering—and submission in deprivation is more eloquent of Christian character than folios of words

thesis on graces, which alas, only too often are found alone in type. As a missionary I claim the right to suffer with you, and also to share your hallowed happiness—and I trust in the heaven to which we are hastening, that your position will be at least where I can behold your perfect happiness in the realization of an eternal re-union with those whom now you mourn.

I seem very unworthy to call the Lord my master when I contemplate your devotion to Him in trials so so-