

to hand over six months' provisions to the police, and they will supply me with all my provisions on the journey, which will probably take two months, and then Major Walsh says that I can live with him until the river opens in the spring.

I am assured of the co-operation of every member of government party. I will have a good opportunity of visiting every camp along the route, and so will be better able to advise you regarding appointments for the spring.

This town of Skaguay consists chiefly of American people, is one of the important gates to British Territory, and nine tenths of the people that are now here, and that will pass through here in the spring, will locate in British Territory.

It is of the greatest importance that a man be at once sent to take my place here, — a man that can accommodate himself to any circumstances, for our congregation embraces all denominations, even Roman Catholics, Jews, and Theosophites.

Get a strong man physically, for although I do not anticipate that he will have much hardship here this winter, yet on the trail there will be unquestionably hardship.

As to the outfit required, two things are necessary, lightness and warmth. I do not propose taking much of my clothing with me, as they would not stand the trip. I will probably get one suit for the journey, and take one other with me.

Any missionary you send in by the trails should only take with him what is absolutely necessary, and send the rest of his baggage *via* St Michaels. This will be much the cheapest way. Indeed everything considered, some of our men might go that way. It will cost \$700.00 and he cannot get to Dawson City Hall till June or July, but that may be as cheap, or cheaper, than he could manage any other way. Certainly if you are sending a married man for Dawson City, let his wife go that way.

Of course, there is just a possibility of not being able to leave at the time mentioned, as it is difficult here to make definite arrangements a week ahead, but in case I do not go through the pass then, when a man comes here to take my place I can find more than enough work at Dyea and other camps in the vicinity.

Major Welsh will look around during the winter and select a suitable site for a city, where he will establish himself in the spring. This new city, he is determined, will be clean and clear from the corruption that disgraces so many places up here. One missionary, he says, is worth six policemen for the purpose of accomplishing this, so send along as many as you can."

In a letter written a few days later (25th Oct.) Mr. Dickey says:—

"We had a fine service yesterday. I told the people that we required \$120.00 more, before we could take any further steps in reference to the Church building. There and then they subscribed over \$200.00. Two men I met coming down the street gave me \$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively. To-day another man gave me \$50.00.

Yesterday at service a little Indian boy about four years old, came up and gave me five cents. I took him up in my arms and said, "Here is a boy that has given what is more to him than a hundred dollars to many of you."

Close on \$500.00 has been raised, and enough work has been promised to put up two churches. Surely, send along a good man at once. He will have a good church to preach in and a comfortable place to board and live, and if he be the right kind of man, will have a hearty reception. I suppose I can scarcely ask you to send a second man for Dyea. There is surely need enough however, for one.

On Saturday I was out along the trail inviting the men to the service. A man who overtook me said that where a number of men were working, one man, after I left them, made some sarcastic remark about religion, when another spoke up and said: 'Boys, I won't stand that. I always admire a true Christian.' Not another word was spoken. Was he thinking of his mother?"

The sending in of missionaries to these new gold fields is an expensive matter, but the money expended in this way will be well spent, and it is exceedingly encouraging to know that we are to have the active co-operation of Major Walsh, a man who values missionaries at their true worth, and who is determined to do all he can to establish the new country in righteousness, and make it a safer place for our boys and young men to go to.