

set our face to seek unto the Lord"—“though our beginning be small, our latter end shall greatly increase.”

Our annual collections have thus far shown a gratifying progress. That of last year was in advance of the preceding by nearly one-third—notwithstanding the financial pressure which was keenly felt in certain portions of the Province. Still, seven cents a year from each of our members, for such a glorious enterprise, seems a trifle indeed—a trifle of which we shall yet be ashamed, when we come to a more personal and practical realization of the munificent generosity of Him who, though He was rich, for our sakes became poor. Facing that Cross on which were expended, not corruptible things such as silver and gold, but the precious blood, each drop of which was worth more than thousands of worlds, our costliest gifts appear paltry.

The day is approaching when this “great liberality” will be so fully appreciated that the mites now biggled about with such hesitating parsimony, and doled out with such a niggard heart, shall give place to millions flowing into the Lord’s treasury with so copious a gush, that it will be necessary, as of old, to shut down the flood-gates.

The Annual Report submitted to Synod, portions of which have been published, together with the communications which appear from time to time in the pages of the *Record*, render it unnecessary to furnish details here concerning the progress of our beloved missionaries.

At New Westminster, in addition to the comfortable and commodious manse erected soon after Mr. Jamieson’s arrival, a substantial new church, capable of containing between three or four hundred, occupies the commanding site purchased at a greatly reduced rate a year ago. The people have contributed very liberally. The Synod’s grant has supplied a stimulus rather than a check. We feel persuaded that they will do their utmost to aid us in the work. Our missionary, with his excellent partner and family, enjoy much better health than they did in Canada, and feel encouraged in the work.

The generous and spontaneous offer made by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, of one hundred pounds sterling a year for three years, induced the Synod’s Committee to assume the responsibility of sending another Missionary to British Columbia.

It was regarded by the Committee as a token for good, that they had at the time in their hands the offer of a volunteer, in all respects qualified, who, with a whole-souled consecration (which of itself is a primary pre-requisite) was ready to go forth wherever they might choose to send him. With the consent of the Committee, Mr. Duff has carried out an intention, previously formed, of visiting the old country. He will return (D.V.) early in Spring, and will be sent forth without delay to his distant field of labour. The heart of Mr. Jamieson is cheered by the prospect of such a “true yoke-fellow” to labour with him in the gospel.

After a very tedious journey, Mr. Nisbet reached Red River in September, and with characteristic vigour resumed his work. Though he did not accomplish all that he contemplated by his visit, still it proved by no means barren of results. Though the Synod did not feel warranted in at once initiating a mission to the American Indians, his earnest advocacy has secured for the object a