

and leader, William Woodman, by death, and several others by removal, we have a small increase of members, the circuit income (\$653) is in advance over one hundred dollars, and the proceeds of our Missionary meetings when complete will be quite double what they were last year. Our Sunday School, though not much changed in numbers, is greatly improved in every other respect, and a new school has been commenced at one of the country appointments. The social means as well as the preaching of the Word have been well attended, and greatly blessed, especially during the past quarter. I have visited Hope and Yale a few times during the year, but as the former place is nearly depopulated, and the latter has an energetic resident Missionary of the Church of England, I have felt it to be my duty to confine my labor, almost exclusively, to the City and District of New Westminster. Although not so large as some of the early circuits of Canada, it will not be regarded as very small, when I state that this District embraces the valley of the lower Fraser, which has an area of 1,200 square miles, being 60 miles long and 20 wide; besides Burrard Inlet and some other places. Its agricultural, fishing, and lumbering resources are great, and there have been considerable improvements in all these departments during the past year. The entire population is about 2,000, and is nearly equally divided between Whites and Indians. The latter are located in small tribes, in various parts of the District, and of the former a little more than half belong to the town, and the remainder are widely scattered in the farming settlements and lumbering camps. Among these pioneers there are six places where we have preached regularly or occasionally during the year, and have kept up preaching in town twice on Sabbath, and two Prayer meetings during the week. This could not have been done but for the valuable aid of a worthy Local Preacher, who resided here during part of the year, and occasional visits from Brother Crosby, of the Nanaimo Indian Mission. At present we have no Local Preacher, and with increased demands upon me in town, and a widening and brightening field in the country, it is not easy to see how the work on this mission can be efficiently sustained and pushed forward without an additional laborer. If a suitable young man could be afforded, the work might be greatly advanced and the local income increased, I should think, fully fifty per cent. But our prayer is to the Lord of the harvest, and if itinerant aid cannot be had, I feel confident that local assistance will be thrust out, and that the Master will sustain his own cause. Members, 34; on trial, 1.

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