

man, which we will hope he will make with safety, and us enjoy with advantage.

We have had an extremely wet summer, and on a few occasions the thunder and the lightning have been on a grand scale. We are not aware of any damage sustained by this; all has been on the side of a clear gain to us in a pure atmosphere and posi-

tive benefit to vegetation and animal life.

The voyaging of the Brigades from here is nearly at an end for the season. With some of our people we have to-day taken our farewell for the season. They are away to their winter abode to prepare for the snow, ice and frost. May God protect them, and bless them ever!

## VANCOUVER'S ISLAND AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From the following letters we learn that the brethren are successfully labouring in this new and distant field: reaping some fruit to their ministry, but scattering seed which will yield plentifully in the future. The earnest plea of Dr. Evans is about to be realised,—the Rev. DAVID V. LUCAS, now at Farmersville is about proceeding to Vancouver's Island as Dr. Evans' assistant; this arrangement will liberate the Doctor from the incessant toils of pastoral duty, and give him, what the Committee have long desired, greater freedom to visit the stations, and occasionally the mining districts, an employment for which his enterprise and talent so well qualify him to be of service to these adventurers, and to spread abroad the knowledge of the truth.

Rumours were circulated in Canada that Mr. Browning had perished in the storm which swept over that country; but Divine Providence mercifully screened him from its fury. His report of Chinese benefactors to the erection of a church will be read with interest. Much enquiry is shewn by the public just at this time as to the advantages of the new colonies, and many of our people have resolved to make their future home in that fine climate. An increase to the number of missionaries in that District is much desired.

*Extract of a letter from the Rev. Dr. Evans, dated Victoria,  
Dec. 7th, 1861.*

I wish it were in my power to furnish you the highly encouraging tidings relative to our work in this district, which I know you earnestly desire. Such, however, is not my privilege at present. Yet, we are not without encouragement and progress. Each of your agents here under my jurisdiction, is breasting the difficulties of his position, and labouring in faith and hope.

By last mail from New Westminster, Brother White informs me that his

"Quarterly Meeting just closed, was a time of great refreshing from above." The congregation there is increasing. The conversion of a sinner, and the reclaiming of a backslider had infused new courage and zeal into the membership of the church. The prayer-meetings are better attended than at any previous period, and a glorious revival of religion is being earnestly sought. Throughout these coasts such a scene as is so frequently presented in other fields of labour, where multi-