

God is not now leaving us without evidence that even of this place it shall be written—"this man and that man was born there."

I am faithfully yours,

R. JAMIESON.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NANAIMO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15TH., 1868.

Your committee have to present a very fair financial statement for the year 1867, considering the changes which have taken place amongst us since last annual meeting. While we regret that we have not been able to do anything towards carrying out the suggestion made in last year's report—to build a manse—it is still matter for thankfulness that we have been in a position to accomplish so much, notwithstanding the frequent absence of Mr. Jamieson, supplying New Westminster—the stoppage of the Coal Company's works for such a lengthened period during the summer—and the decrease not only of the population, but of the means of those remaining.

The borrowed money reported last year has been paid ; also the rent of manse, and the amount promised by us to the Canadian Church. An additional number of volumes have been ordered for the Sabbath School library, which will prove interesting and instructive to the children of the church. A more comfortable house has been procured for temporary manse since the 1st of April, at the same rate as the former one, \$15 per month.

Our only indebtedness now is the balance of price of the church lot, \$150, to the Coal Company ; but over against this, we have to place their promise of a free grant of the lot adjoining the church, which would make an excellent site for manse and school-room.

It may be interesting to state here that there are at present twenty-one families, (besides single men) in connection with the congregation, and thirty-one seat-holders, making eighty-two sittings. The number of communicants is twenty-two. And there are attending the Sabbath School, with the minister, two teachers and twenty-four scholars.

It was inadvertently omitted in last year's report, to record our great obligation to the Messrs. Wright and Saunders, architects, for their very liberal gift of the plans and specifications of the church ; and also to the Messrs. A. and W. Wilson, Victoria, for their handsome present of the chandelier, and pulpit brackets and lamps.

In conclusion, we do hope that brighter days will soon dawn upon us, and that with the development of the colony's resources, and an increase of population and wealth, there be a corresponding increased support of the Church of Christ. Meanwhile, we must still continue indebted to the zeal and liberality of the Canada Presbyterian Church for the chief support of a pastor amongst us, of the Church of our Fathers—our beloved Presbyterian Church. Ourselves, and all our interests—individual, family, and congregational, we "commend to God, and to the word of his grace which is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Herewith is appended the Treasurer's Report :—