

Missionary Intelligence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—REV. R. JAMIESON.

The Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee has just handed us a letter from Rev. R. Jamieson, dated "Acapulco, 26th January." The vessel in which he sailed reached Aspinwall on the 20th, at 3 p.m. At 4 they left for Panama, which was reached in three hours. Here they embarked on the "Golden Age," Pacific steamer. So far, the voyage on the Pacific had been really pacific—not a ripple on the waters. They expected to reach San Francisco in about eight days from the date of Mr. Jamieson's letter. Mr. Jamieson had opportunities of usefulness at sea, of which he gladly availed himself. Every evening at eight o'clock, a considerable number met for worship. Mr. Jamieson says: "Oh, 'tis so cheering to see parties of different denominations—some on their way to British Columbia, some to California, some to China, some to the Sandwich Islands—meeting together at the hour of prayer, and uniting their voices in one of our psalms of praise, to the good old tunes of 'Old Hundred' or 'Martyrdom.' May the God of all grace pour upon all of them the spirit of grace and supplication!"

At the request of the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, we publish extracts from a letter which he lately received from the Rev. Mr. Hall, missionary of the Irish Presbyterian Church. We can enter into Mr. Hall's feelings of delight and satisfaction in anticipating the arrival of a co-worker, to cheer him in his loneliness, and take part with him in the ministry of the Word, in the new and wide field in which God has placed him.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, 24th December, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR,—Chillingworth has said that "the Bible, and the Bible alone, is the religion of Protestants;" and our Confession of Faith has gone farther in claiming that "the supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures." Experience has proved that the more thoroughly the Church imbibes and practises the principles and plans of apostolic times, the more carefully she learns the lessons and the more closely she imitates the example set by her Great Head, the more likely is she to promote the interests, and enjoy the comforts of pure and undefiled religion.

It appears from their memoirs that some of the most eminent servants of God have, in former times, entered the mission field alone: and in their case the promise has been strikingly verified; for one has occasionally withstood a thousand adversaries. It will naturally occur, however, to the careful reader of their life-stories, that the presence of a brother would have frequently proved advantageous to Brainard, Whitfield and Schwartz. It is a common remark of reverend sages that our Lord showed great wisdom in sending forth his disciples two by two. To the propriety of that plan I am sure I have assented when residing in the midst of fathers and brethren in the ministry. But oh! what little experimental knowledge I had of the prudence of the divine precedent which was intended for the direction of an evangelistic ministry in all