

them, to furnish farm instructors and agricultural implements, and to pay an annuity of \$25 each to the chiefs, \$15 to the head men and \$5 to the rank and file. Any person reading the treaty could understand who had the better of the bargain. When these treaties were made, buffalo covered the plains and the Indians had plenty of food and clothing. The Indians used to kill in the Summer time whatever buffaloes they required, dried the meats, made pemican, prepared the hides for tents, harness and mocassins. In the Autumn they used to go out and kill meat for winter use, and dressed the robes for clothing and bedding. Any superfluous robes they sold to the whites for fire arms, ammunition, tea, sugar and tobacco in short, anything they wanted. Buffalo sinew made for the Indians the best of thread. All of the Indians had plenty of horses. At that time the Indians were one of the most comfortable peoples on the face of the earth. All this is changed now. The whites have killed off the buffalo, and the Indians are starving. Mr. Robertson had come recently from the Blackfoot country, and found that the Indians there were restless. The cause was that they regarded themselves as face to face with a race that threatened to exterminate them. They united against the white man as the Britons in old times united against the Romans and Saxons. Dumont, the military leader of the half-breeds, was doing his best to stir up bad blood in Montana. The Indians themselves thought that they had a good excuse for waging war. We as a Christian people must deal with all nations on Christian principles. Every effort must be made to Christianize this people and teach them self-reliance, and in this is found the true solution of the Indian problem.

B. T. TISH COLUMBIA.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCHES AT LANGLEY AND MUD BAY.

The new Presbyterian Church at Fort Langley was opened for divine worship on 27th September. The weather was favorable. As the hour of opening approached, the people came pouring in from the surrounding districts, and by 11 o'clock the church was filled. It occupies a beautiful situation about three-quarters of a mile from the landing and alongside the public cemetery, and is built on ground given by J. Mackie, Esq., for that purpose. The church will comfortably accommodate 150 people, and will thus in all probability meet the requirements of the district for many years to come. The expense of additions, together with a bell, has been defrayed by Henry Wark, Esq. The Rev. A. Dunn offered up the dedicatory prayer, and the rest of the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson. Mr. Jamieson opened the old church at Fort Langley some thirteen

and a half years ago, and upon him, therefore, naturally and appropriately devolved the duty of opening the new one. When all outstanding subscriptions have been paid it is believed there will be money enough to meet all liabilities.

The new Mud Bay Presbyterian church (the other of the two for which the Rev. A. Dunn was soliciting subscriptions in Victoria and New Westminster some time since, and which is within the field in which he has been laboring during the past ten years) was dedicated to the worship of God on the 4th October. Mr. Dunn conducted the opening devotional exercises, and afterwards made a few remarks of an introductory character relative to the successful completion of their church-building undertaking, the indebtedness of the congregation to their brethren in Victoria and New Westminster for cordial and liberal aid, and to the changes and improvements which have taken place in the neighborhood since the day he first conducted service there in the house of Mr. Alexander McDougall.

With the view of better accommodating all parties desirous of attending, the congregation afterwards met for several years in the house of Mr. William Woodward. Then the small congregation flourished and became gradually large as new settlers arrived. When a church-building scheme was proposed by Mr. Dunn in the beginning of the present year, it was heartily taken up, and a large sum, \$475, was at once subscribed in the immediate vicinity. A church-building committee, consisting of Messrs. Armstrong, John Stewart, and D. Brown, were appointed. They threw themselves into the work with great enthusiasm, and have spared no pains and begrudged no labor in the discharge of the numerous duties which have devolved upon them. It was therefore very gratifying to such people to see their new church completed, and its doors, like the heaven to which it leads, thrown open to all that seek or value its blessings. The Rev. J. S. McKay, New Westminster, preached at both diets of worship. The Mud Bay church is of the same dimension as the Langley one, and similar to it also in all its leading features.

[Rev. A. Dunn is a cousin to our worthy friend Rev. C. Dunn of Stellarton].—Ed.

JOSEPH COOK ON FAITH.

When the soul yields to all the light it possesses, it receives more, according to the fixed natural laws of the soul; and yielding to this light, it receives more, until it comes at last to a confidence in God; a confidence which has as much validity as our confidence in the validity of self-evident truth itself.

What made Luther a rock? It was his intuitive, absolutely inexpugnable conviction that he