

Langley and Richmond (Fraser mouth), which had, through neglect, nearly past into other hands. I had many invitations to move my family to New Westminster again. This might have been best; but my second term is not out here, and moving so often is not only toilsome, but in this country very expensive.

I spent Monday week in Victoria, and joined in their quarterly communion and love-feast. I also preached morning and evening, and addressed the coloured congregation in the afternoon, besides visiting both the Indian and white Sabbath-schools. Bro. Russ is not enjoying very good health this summer, but he still continues to labor with unabated zeal, and the work under his care is nobly sustained. I fear that some departments of the work on my own large circuit have suffered by my long absence. We are now preparing for our District Camp-Meeting, to be held two weeks hence at Maple Bay. After this is over I shall write more fully. I received your telegram a week ago last Friday, just before I left New Westminster. Bro. Bryant is now busily preparing to move to New Westminster. His absence from this circuit will be keenly felt in every way, especially as our other leading man, Mr. James, has just moved to Victoria, and poor Nainaimo is suffering greatly from the stagnation of the coal trade: but we must not despair. The favorable wind will, I trust, after a time, blow upon us again.

At our Quarterly Meeting, held last evening, the enclosed preamble and resolution were passed unanimously:—

“Whereas, our worthy and respected

Brother Bryant, Recording Steward of this Circuit since its organization eleven years ago, and for some time past a very useful and efficient Leader and Local Preacher, has been advanced to the Itinerant ranks, and expects to leave in a few days for New Westminster, his designated field of labor.

“Be it therefore resolved, — That while we record our deep sense of the great loss which this circuit and community must sustain by the removal of our esteemed brother, we cannot fail to recognize the hand of God in his admission to the pastoral office, and we earnestly pray that he may be made eminently useful in the holy and important work to which he has been appointed.”

I left Bro. Crosby in charge of New Westminster until the camp-meeting, immediately after which Bro. Bryant will move over. By that time I hope to get the stations defining the position of Bro. Crosby, for by “appointments stand,” the last words of your telegram, I cannot feel quite sure whether I am to understand they *stand* as they were last year, or stand as recommended for the present.

I received a cheerful and encouraging letter from Bro. Derrick a few days ago. Last winter was a severe one for Cariboo. Here, though wet, it was very mild.

I am anxiously hoping to receive good news from the Committee in reference to aid for the employment of native agency in our Indian work. With the present grant it cannot be done. At present Sellaseltan is working in an ungodly boarding-house, and Cushman is out of employment.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

For many months the Missionaries and their families in this Territory have been subjected to inconveniences and sufferings, physical and mental; scarcity of food and threatenings from “the heathen raging,” have continued to place them in a position where a strong and active faith was necessary to keep them at the post of duty when menaced by the blood-thirsty Blackfeet, chafing under the terrible chastisement inflicted upon them by American miners in retaliation for the murders they had committed.