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Several letters to the General Superintendent of Missions mention the avidity with which the quarterly Wesleyan Missionary *Notices* of the Canada Conference are read, and the time seems to have come when a more frequent and liberal regular issue of them is a subject claiming the consideration of the Board of Management. The importance of recent communications from the respected Chairman, and one of his colleagues, on the Pacific Mission, warrants this Extra for the gratification of our friends.

‡ Dr. Evans, much to our mind, adopts the old Wesleyan practice of Journalizing, and his statements, and those of Mr. Robson, will be read with unmingled satisfaction, not only for their minuteness and judiciousness, and clearness of dates, but for their christian and ministerial exhibition of energy and endurance. The apostolic system of Itinerancy and visitation is fairly established in British Columbia; the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor are the Society's patrons; and every step in advance ascertains the demands which the new Colony has on the approval of the public. The safe return in health of Dr. Evans from his important tour to Fort Yale, and the cheerful spirits of his co-helpers, are among the chief blessings which a gracious Providence vouchsafes; and their aptitude at unusual and trying, but indispensable duties, excites our admiration; and they and their worthy families, having no immunity from peril in their travels and labours, well know, that in Canada and in England, the affectionate prayer for all is,—Hide them, O Lord, in thy promised pavilion!

Their report of the intelligence and friendliness of the miners, of different nationalities, is what we expected; the accidental finding of a dead body on one of the bars of Fraser River, and the informal burial rites, are touching; the discovery of some christian households, and of "the good old family altar," in so strange a land, is light in darkness. The Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society had for its first vessel the "Triton," and its "John Wesley" now plies from Island to Island, and is hailed by coral shores crowded with evangelized Polynesian pagans; and, following in the wake of the parent, it is an agreeable incident, that the first tiny vessel of our Missionaries on the Fraser is properly denominated "The Wesleyan,"