

BRITISH COLUMBIA—LETTER FROM REV. R. JAMIESON.

NANAIMO, B. C., August 15th, 1867.

"To the Editor of the Record:

MY DEAR SIR,—I very deeply regret to have to report the first breach in our membership in this congregation, by the sudden and much lamented death of Mr. Henry Young, of Sarnia, who was drowned on the 26th ult. Mr. Young was a most exemplary young man, and was very highly esteemed by all acquainted with him. I endeavoured last Sabbath evening to improve the sad event by preaching on the text—"There is but a step between me and death,"—to a congregation more than twice the size of our ordinary ones, and I trust not in vain. The deceased was only 26 years of age, and was one of the few to whom I can point as worthy of our esteem and imitation. "He being dead yet speaketh."

Mr. W. L. Mitchell, of St. Mary's, a member of the Church in Victoria, was also very suddenly called away by falling down a shaft in Cariboo a few weeks ago. Mr. Mitchell had letters to me in 1862 from Prof. Caven and Dr. Ormiston, speaking in the highest terms of him, and though he was not at any time directly under my own pastoral care, I was well acquainted with him, and I found in him (as I did not often find in others) all that these brethren had certified to, fully borne out. He manifested a lively interest in the prosperity of our Church in this colony, and was always found upright and consistent in the midst of no considerable temptations. I grieve much over the loss of such highly valued friends as the above, and the late Mr. Thos. McMicking. As was the case with the latter, so I fervently hope it will be with the others, that their sudden deaths may make deep and saving impressions on the minds of their companions and acquaintances. The bereaved parents, families and friends of the deceased under such circumstances call for our sincerest sympathy. May they have "the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." These brethren trusted in Christ, and He is the resurrection and the life."

Mr. Jamieson in the concluding part of his letter refers to New Westminster. Various circumstances have prevented him from visiting that place for some weeks, but the services had been carried on by Mr. Robson one of the congregation who presides at a meeting for public worship on the forenoon of each Sabbath. But it is felt that this arrangement cannot be continued much longer; and there is the danger of the place of worship being closed altogether, unless a minister can be sent out. The people are very anxious to hear what can be done for them, in response to the appeal which they addressed some time ago to the Foreign Mission Committee. It may be mentioned that the Committee have not been forgetful of the interests of the congregation at New Westminster. Efforts have been put forth in various ways to obtain the services of a minister or preacher: and it is hoped that before long these efforts may be crowned with success.

RED RIVER.—SAFE ARRIVAL OF MR. BLACK.

We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. John Black, of date 2nd September, announcing his safe return at Red River Settlement. He and the party with whom he travelled were twenty days on the road, but for four days they had to wait by the way. Mr. Black received a hearty welcome, and found all well in the congregation. Mr. Matheson had been unwell, but was improving.