

architect, who displayed every kindness in providing for my comfort while in Victoria. My stay here was about two weeks, and as these included two Sabbaths, I was honoured and gratified to meet with and to address the Presbyterians of this Pacific Colony.

The Rev Mr. Hall took advantage of my presence to supply his pulpit, while he paid a visit to New Westminster where he had not been for some time. I could learn something of the disappointment consequent upon the non-acceptance of the call lately given by the congregation here, and which does not permit for the present the hope to be cherished of getting from Canada the object of their choice. An effort is now being made at the request of those concerned by the Church at home, to send out a pastor or missionary to succeed Mr. Hall, whose services are to be enjoyed until the arrival of his successor. Before passing from my allusion to Victoria I may refer to the rising excitement caused by the discovery of a new gold district, just reported by the party sent out to explore the Island. This new auriferous region is little more than a good day's journey from Victoria, which is on that account likely to undergo a severe thinning out.

I left the town last mentioned on the morning of the 26th and reached New Westminster on the evening of the same day, and was kindly received by brother Jamieson who took me to his comfortable home, where I found Mrs. J. and family healthy and well. I am to be over two Sabbaths here that I may assist at the approaching communion of the congregation of New Westminster. My course here thereafter has not been altogether decided upon as yet, but from information obtained and advice received may be toward Cariboo, where I would in that case pass the winter. It is expected that a large number of miners will remain this, as it was last winter, when the supply of the means of grace might draw their attention and prove a blessing to some weary and heavy laden souls. May He who is infinite wisdom and goodness direct, guide, and strengthen in the path of duty for His name and glory's sake. With most fraternal regards, I remain yours in the gospel,

DANIEL DUFF.

LETTER FROM REV. J. NISBET.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, Aug. 19, 1864.

REV. R. F. BURNS, ST. CATHARINES, C. W.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—As Mr. Black and myself have now made all the inquiries that we can make in reference to the important subject of your letter of July 6th, I send you the following as our joint reply.

We are both exceedingly thankful that the Lord directed the Synod to pass the resolution that met the approval of the late meeting, and we are glad that it has not tied down the committee in such a way as the resolution first proposed would have done; although we sincerely hope that the liberty given to the committee will not have the effect of staying progress, though it should turn out that to establish and carry on a mission in the most desirable locality open to our efforts will involve rather more outlay than the estimate furnished in respect to Beren's River.

You wish me to furnish you with full details on the whole subject.

Well to begin with localities. Beren's River is still open to us, and the details regarding it are already in your possession: but I must remind you that that station, although most conveniently situated relative to this settlement, is surrounded by Episcopal missions at no great distance and that no more than about 300 Indians frequent the trading post there and could consequently be influenced by the labours of the missionary.

I think I informed you in a previous letter, that since our correspondence regarding the Youcan, the Church Missionary Society has sent a missionary thither, and we have learned from the secretary to that Society in the settle-