

for a minister's family, and they would feel very much disappointed were a single man to be sent. A minister's wife can be as useful as himself. Besides we need all our single men elsewhere.

The Cariboo Mission will raise \$700 this year. The people are liberal, and will give more should the mines be more productive.

I left Barkerville on Sunday morning at four o'clock. Such is the stage arrangements for Kamloops, &c., &c. Having a few hours rest at Clinton, I offered to preach if they would get the people together. In a short time the school-house was filled. After preaching I baptized two children.

The people here are very desirous to have a missionary. They have no religious service. The stores are open on the Sabbath, and men work as on other days. The population is probably from seventy to eighty, and is so isolated that it would be almost impossible to reach them from any mission that we could form. Clinton is at least seventy miles from the nearest point of Nicola Valley.

Kamloops is a small place situated on the Thompson, where the north and south branches meet, and is about fifty miles from Cache Creek, the point where the stage-road strikes the Cariboo-road. It has two large stores—the H. B. Co's. and Mara and Wilson's, besides one or two smaller ones. It is the market of this part of the country; and if the railway, as is expected, should come here it will be a very important place. I was hospitably entertained by Mara and Wilson. J. Mara is an M.P.P. for Kootenay District, and son of the late John Mara, of Toronto. The north Thompson is settled for about forty miles, and the south branch for about a hundred miles. This is a rich part of the country both in cattle and in every sort of agricultural produce.

On Sunday morning I preached on the deck of an old steamer, on the Thompson, and in the evening in Mr. Tate's dining-room. My congregations were composed of Catholics and Protestants, and all appeared delighted to see a minister.

Nicola Valley derives its name from the river which runs through it. From Kamloops to Cook's Ferry, where the Nicola runs into the Thompson, is about one hundred miles. The mission however would extend only seventy

miles. The settlers in this valley are employed chiefly in raising stock, though most of them cultivate the soil sufficiently to supply their own necessities. There is no way in or out of this settlement but by trail. Every thing is packed in on horses and mules. Indians keep large pack trains for this purpose, and earn a great deal of money. Each horse will carry about 300 pounds.

I visited most of the families in the Valley and preached twice. There are about thirty families, and though they belong to different churches they will be unanimous in supporting a missionary. It is very sad to see so many sheep without a shepherd. They have no means of religious instruction whatever. Kamloops and Nicola promised to raise \$500 towards the support of a minister. One lady, the mother of a family, told me that she had for long been praying that the Lord might send them the Gospel for the sake of her children, and now she saw that her prayers were going to be answered. Still she said that she felt anxious lest something should happen to prevent a minister coming. This valley will probably increase in population every year, as there are thousands of acres of land not yet occupied.

Indians are very numerous through this part of the country and on the Thompson. I called upon the principal chief of the Nicola Indians. He wished to know if Mr. Crosby was coming to preach to them. He said "they wanted a minister all the same as Mr. Crosby. The white man he get the gospel and he keep it. He does not send it to the Indian." I would gladly have preached to them, but I had no interpreter. Mr. Woodward, who had come to meet me at the head of the lake, would not undertake it, though he knew some Chinook.

Here is a great field for usefulness; and, if properly worked, will in a short time become self-supporting. It was the opinion of the District Meeting that a Missionary should be sent, if possible, to this people. If a suitable minister can be obtained, a man who has a passion for saving souls and is not afraid of difficulties, he can do an amazing amount of good both among the Whites and Indians in this part of the country. We need men and means. May the Lord send forth laborers into his vineyard!