

welcome reception on their arrival at Victoria; from the District Minutes, it appears that the membership has increased to 140, being an addition of 24.

The new pastor acted wisely in avoiding a spirit of controversy which had been engendered by his predecessor, and which had resulted in untold injury to the spiritual welfare of many of the people; acting upon Richard Baxter's opinion, that "the best way to preach down error, is to preach up truth:" hence he thought by God's help to emphasize the great essentials of salvation, not by any means sacrificing truth in all its fulness, for safety or expediency; and the Great Head of the Church has manifestly blessed the work of his hands. The Committee have full confidence in his prudence, zeal, and fidelity, and anticipate for him in his new sphere of action a continuance of that success which attended his labours and administrations in Ontario.

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#### NANAIMO.

The support of a settled pastorate is somewhat uncertain; and when the frequency of strikes among the miners, and the improvident habits of multitudes who never attend Divine worship are taken into account, there is not as good a prospect of a self-sustaining position, and being independent of missionary grants, as in other communities. In this case the faithful few are but few indeed, and amid surrounding irreligion, they need, next to Divine help, your sympathy and prayers. Members, 37.

CORNELIUS BRYANT.

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#### WELLINGTON.

We came to this mission towards the end of last July, and found matters in connection with our Church in rather an unsettled state. Our small membership was dissatisfied with the existing state of things. Several months passed away before harmony could be restored. We found it impossible to get a house in which to live, since the whole town belonged to the Coal Company, and they refused to provide houses for outsiders. We were, therefore, obliged to build one with our own hands. This occupied much of the time which ought to have been devoted to pulpit and pastoral work.

Our congregations have been fair, and our missionary contributions over double those of last year. The people have shown an increased willingness to give for the support of the ministry and of our connexional funds. Members, 6.

W. V. SEXSMITH.

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#### NEW WESTMINSTER.

The history of this Mission during the past year furnishes cause for thanksgiving to the Head of the Church, whose hand has been