

clearing of the parsonage lots, which has been a heavy work, and which also cost me \$25 for Indian help. Thus our time has been wholly and laboriously employed, in addition to the ordinary routine of pastoral duty, and the result will be a lasting benefit to our connexional property. Members, 13. CORNELIUS BRYANT.

SUMAS AND CHILLIWHACK.

Some souls have been won back from the enemy, congregations on the increase. Our esteemed Chairman Rev. R. H. Smith and Rev. C. M. Tate formed our missionary deputation and the efficiency is seen in our increased subscriptions and collections. Membership, 92; on trial, 4; total, 96. C. L. THOMPSON.

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The year now closing has been one of unusual peace and quietness; and the work on the mission has moved on in the usual way. Our congregations have been good, but the collections small. Both our class and prayer meetings have been well attended, and have proved to be seasons of "grace and sweet delight." Our two Sabbath schools are still in existence, and are doing a good work. Our organist, Miss Parker, has charge of the school at Stanley and manifests a good deal of interest in the childrens' welfare. The Barkerville school is working well, and is supplied with a staff of excellent teachers. For sometime back, many have taken a great interest in the school, and have cheered us with their presence. We now report eight devoted and full members of the church. W. V. SEXSMITH.

NICHOLA VALLEY.

The fact of being absent from this mission for some six months of the past year possibly in some two or three respects may have militated against success in a greater or less degree. It undoubtedly affected the financial returns, as we were prevented from giving service to the Survey parties scattered through our field, such a length of time without religious services is almost certain also to have a bad effect spiritually, still on a careful review there is much cause for gratitude. Though death has been doing his work during the year and more particularly within the past month, when three painfully sudden deaths have taken place, and though in the discharge of duties we have been exposed to dangers of different kinds, God has mercifully preserved both our life and health so that hard work has been no trouble. The work on the mission is assuming a more compact and workable, and I think encouraging aspect. The Presbyterian minister who came to this field about the same time as I did, removed from Nichola Valley last fall. The year now closing has been the most embarrassing financially of any since I came. Solely through a general depression in all kinds of business and especially the want of markets in the remote section of the country. One instance in point, in the chief grain growing section of my mission where some of the farmers have on hand at

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