

this project be carried into execution, all parts of the congregation can then be supplied with regular Sabbath services both summer and winter, and the prospects of the field speedily becoming a self-sustaining charge will be good. The lack of suitable places of worship is a great drawback to many western fields. Where the services are held in school-houses the tendency is simply to drift along, for so long as a people worship in scattered groups, having no common church home with its responsibilities and its privileges, regular organization and enduring progress are well nigh impossible.

Any friends of "Presbyterianism in the West" who would like to bestow some money where it would surely do permanent good, might do well to send it to Rev. P. Fisher Boissevain, Man. to be used in aid of Church buildings in Riverside Mission Field.

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Mr. Alex. McGregor, who has travelled somewhat extensively through the West, was appointed to labour for the season in the Okanagan valley in British Columbia. This is, perhaps, one of the most attractive mission fields in the West from the natural scenery point of view, and is, to an energetic man whose aim in life is to save souls, a place which offers many inviting features, for the people stand much in need of the elevating influences of the gospel, and are disposed to ap-

preciate the services of a missionary whose personality is the very embodiment of the sublime principles enunciated in the word of God.

The physical aspect of the valley is interesting. The lake in the middle of it extends through its whole length and, in fact, beyond, a distance of some seventy miles. On each side of the lake there is a belt of level ground which extends from the water to the beginning of the bench lands, a distance of three or four miles. This soil is very fertile and is capable of bearing enormous quantities of fruit. Lord Aberdeen, whose ranch is in the valley, is doing all in his power to develop fruit growing. You can stand in the middle of a magnificent bed of strawberries from which it would be possible to gather two tons of the fruit, and look up to the snow-capped mountains whose tops are hidden in the clouds. The "bench" lands, as they are called, are on the mountain slopes that rise gracefully from the level soil around the lake. Many acres of these are cultivated by the hard mountaineers, but the greater area is used as runs for the large herds of cattle possessed by the ranchers. The valley is rich in gold although it has not been mined to any extent. Those whose supply of brain substance is below the average, will find in the valley all that is necessary to supply this want, as the best quality of salmon is abundant in the sparkling waters of these mountain streams. So plentiful are