

Westminster, and Sumas and Chilliwack have been self-sustaining during the past year, and have both manifested unwonted vigor, the former returning contributions to the Mission Fund largely in excess of previous years. Nanaimo contemplates becoming self-sustaining at once. Our church accommodation in Victoria is now becoming altogether inadequate, and preliminary steps are being taken toward starting another appointment in the city, which will probably necessitate the services of an additional man for next year.

The large increase in the contributions to connexional funds this year is only the beginning of an effort, now that the stagnation of the past in this country is passing away, to refund to the Society the long-continued and patient outlay to the district.

The spiritual report for the district is not as encouraging this year as it was last, owing partly, no doubt, to the transition state of things, and to the prevalence of the spirit of speculation in the country.

We gladly chronicle, however, the successful inauguration of a great public movement against intemperance and cognate evils so long regnant here, in which our Church takes a prominent part.

Victoria membership, 129; New Westminster, 57; Sumas and Chilliwack, 124.

COVERDALE WATSON.

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The past year has been one of hard labor and toil, but we are thankful to Almighty God that He has permitted us to see some of the fruits of our work.

Spiritually, quite a number have been convicted of sin, and some converted to God. We have built and paid for our new church, and paid off two old church debts. This leaves the mission free of debt.

We have ten appointments, four churches, and two Sunday-schools. Members, 13.

JAMES A. WOOD.

NANAIMO.

The recent opening of new coal mines, and the consequent increase of population by immigration, has somewhat benefited our town congregation, yet the migratory character of mining communities is unfavorable to the permanence and prosperity of Church institutions. Besides, our Presbyterian friends who mostly worshipped with us for the past two years, have had their church re-opened by a minister from Scotland.

The circuit finances have reached a higher figure than formerly, which leads our Official Board to contemplate ere long a self-sustaining position. There is also, upon the whole, an unprecedented and healthy increase of connexional funds.

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