

men who speak of God as the "the old man," swear in almost every sentence, and use obscene language. In almost any other circumstances I could escape from that which is so abhorrent to my ears, but here, in a canoe, I could only remain, and as I had an opportunity quietly to give a reproof.

I must also tell you about our *first Missionary Meeting* on this Sumas and Chilliwack circuit. On Sunday, October 29th, the Chairman, Bro. Pollard, preached the sermons; and on Monday,

the 30th, we had our first Missionary Meeting. The number present was small and the speakers few, but Mr. Pollard gave us a very interesting sketch of the work which our Society is doing with the money which is raised. A collection was taken up and a subscription list was passed round, when it was found that the effort thus far, had secured fifty-six dollars. The collectors will probably bring it up to one hundred dollars.

From the REV. CORNELIUS BRYANT, *Nanaimo, V. I.*

I took the most direct route from New Westminster to Nanaimo, by crossing the Gulf of Georgia, which was accomplished in a large canoe, manned by four Indians, leaving my heavy luggage to be sent by steamer, *via* Victoria. We sailed at half-past one p.m., from New Westminster, and having a favorable breeze two-thirds of the distance, reached Nanaimo harbor next morning at sun-rise, without any mishap to myself or family. I was thus enabled at the earliest possible date to relieve Bro. Crosby of the responsibility and care of the white congregation, which he had for some time sustained in addition to his ordinary labors among the Indians. My Superintendent, Bro. Derrick, arrived from Cariboo in the course of three weeks afterwards, and assumed direction of the Circuit work, being cordially welcomed by large and attentive congregations. He was accompanied by the Rev. W. Pollard, the newly appointed Chairman, whose early visit to this part of his extensive district, evinced his interest in the work he has undertaken, and gave us a fresh evidence of the paternal regard of our fathers and brethren in Canada, in so readily and generously sending us help in this remote corner of their vast field.

Upon Bro. Derrick's arrival, I hastened to Maple Bay and the country parts of this Circuit, so as to be able, from personal observation, to report the state of that work intelligently to the Financial District Meeting, which was held during the following week at Victoria.

Manie Bay is but one of several agricultural settlements in the Cowichan

district, lying about half way between Nanaimo and Victoria, and is at present reached by a Government steamer making weekly trips between the two ports. The bay itself is only a natural outlet for the back settlements which extend six or seven miles in the interior, and has yet no town built upon its shores. A log church, 25ft 18, which was commenced under Bro. White's superintendency, stands on an eligible site two miles from the bay, but being in a very unfinished state, the settlers are trying to complete it so far as to be available for the winter. I preach there in the forenoon on alternate Sabbaths, and have also commenced a small Bible-class, which may form the nucleus of a future Sabbath School, when families are more numerous in the neighbourhood than at present. After preaching there, I visit, by rotation, either Somenos or Shawnigan, two other settlements in Cowichan, where I preach in the evening; the former being five, and the latter six miles distant. At Shawnigan, we have a class of four members, which Bro. Clarkson formed when labouring on this Circuit; but this is the only church organization in the Cowichan district. The travel is generally on foot, excepting two miles by canoe across Cowichan bay, in visiting Shawnigan, and the widely scattered population necessitate many long walks in the work of pastoral visitation.

On intervening Sabbaths I preach at Salt Spring Island, which is only separated by a channel a few miles across from Maple Bay. Our principal appointment there is a school-house in the centre of the island, where we