

My next halting place was Van Winkle, a small mining camp or settlement about twelve miles from "the Creek." A few who are at work at this place are in the habit of coming in to William's Creek every two or three weeks, and give their attendance very regularly at Church. Several companies in this vicinity on Lightning Creek keep the Sabbath very consistently. I was informed of one, made up of above twenty Welshmen, who meet together on the Sabbath to engage in Divine worship, conducted by their Captain or Head, who usually reads a sermon. Such an example cannot in the circumstances be too highly praised.

On my return to "the Creek" I found that three weeks had caused quite a change in the appearance of things, the snow had almost disappeared and work begun on most of the claims, a number of them taking out very good pay. During that time two deaths had occurred, and from totally different causes; the one was the result of an injured leg, the other a "Felo de se."

Up to the present there is no other missionary here, though I am informed there is to be one of the Episcopal Church in a short time. I have reason for much gratitude and humility before God, in that my services have not been without kind encouragement; our meetings were fairly attended. One or two claims have chosen to dispense with Sabbath labour, and our congregations, which have hitherto been rather exclusive with regard to sex, are graced by the presence of ladies, of whom a larger number than usual have arrived among us with their husbands who have been here before.

The first marriage on Williams Creek or in Cariboo, I was called to perform a few weeks ago, a matter of ordinary importance at a distance, but of considerable interest amongst us here. I have another in hand which will be attended to in a few days. Any recognition of the laws of Christian propriety and Divine obligation in this quarter, by those unconnected with the Church, I take to be so far a token for good. You can form hardly an approximation, in your conception, of the evil carried on here, and which the arm of the law seems powerless to restrain or suppress. We can only labour and pray that our lights as Christians may shine around us, and prove a standing and felt rebuke to the minions of Satan. "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." And may the weapons of our warfare, which are not of man's but of God's appointment, be mighty and prevail, even to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin; and to him alone be the praise.

Most truly yours,

D. DUFF.

Our meetings are held as before in the Methodist chapel in the lower town, and in the Court House in the upper town. It is not unworthy of notice, that taking our meetings all through, I could not expect to have more apparent interest and attention, and so far as this goes could not be better anywhere.

D. D.

RED RIVER—REV JAMES NISBET.

Letters have been received from Mr. Nisbet, of date July 18th and 25th. The letters are chiefly of a private character, but they contain much that is of general interest. It will be interesting to our readers to know that Mr. Nisbet, in that spirit of devotedness, which has always characterized him, has accepted the proposal made to him, to go and labour as a missionary among the Indians near Fort Pitt on the Saskatchewan. He says: "Immediately on receiving your letter, (Rev. R. F. Burns) I asked Mr. Black to come down that we might consult on its contents. We had two hours' prayer and conference on the subject, and we trust that the conclusions to which we have come, will commend themselves to the judgment of the Committee. Respecting my appointment to the mission, while I feel the deep responsibility attaching to it, and very