

during the winter; still I have more each Sabbath than I would have if I went farther up the country. The other churches are represented again this year at the mines, but as Mr. Hall and I are all alone, in each colony, we cannot leave our posts if we are to get our congregations into a self-sustaining position, and more especially as we are both engaged in building churches. Ours is to be commenced on Monday, and as there are so few people here at present, we do not intend to have any ceremony at the laying of the foundation *post* or *plank*. It is to be finished (except the plastering and seating) on the 5th of Sept. The size is 65 feet by 34, and 18 feet high from top of sill to top of wall plate. It is to have a tower in front, from which we hope some time to see a spire ascending. The contract price for building the church and giving it two coats of paint on out-side, and leaving it ready for the plasterers, is, two thousand two hundred dollars. It will seat about 340.

We had our second communion Sabbath on the 28th June. Fifteen of us sat down to "break bread"—10 men and five women. We have now 21 names on the communion roll.

I mentioned in a previous letter that I knew of nothing being done in this colony for the Indians, except by the Roman Catholics. This was a mistake, as the Church of England has a successful mission going on for 5 or 6 years, at Fort Simpson on the coast.

The school, which is now of course a public one, is doing very well under Mr. McIlveen's care. I send you the *British Columbian* containing a report of the first quarterly examination.

The Rev. L. Taylor had a most successful meeting in Victoria on behalf of the Bible Society. He has gone on to the mines, and will organize a branch here when he returns in the fall.

There is not much news of an encouraging nature from the mines this season as yet. There is a very anxious lookout by almost every one, for important political changes, such as will be advantageous to this colony. I hope the delay will not be much longer, or the consequences may be serious.

I hope your political excitement will not have interfered with public interest in your Synodical proceedings. When shall I have the privilege of taking part in another meeting of Synod or Presbytery? How I longed to be present with you in the Central church, especially at your first Synodical communion. Our little congregation could not, however, be debarred the privilege and duty of offering up the fervent, and in some cases the tearful supplication for heaven's choicest blessings to descend upon you, that there may be more zeal and more work for Christ, more brotherly kindness and charity amongst yourselves.

With kindest regards to you and yours.

I am, &c., &c.,

R. JAMIESON.

In the letter to which Mr. Jamieson refers he gives a short view of his work during the year of his residence in British Columbia. He says, "During the spring, summer and fall of last year I preached forenoon and evening every Sabbath, and taught the Sabbath School in the afternoon. Since the middle of November I have conducted an additional service at the Royal Engineers' camp every Sabbath at 3 p. m. The average attendance during the winter has