

West," the force of morality in that land of which we are justly proud, nay, the future of our so-called Foreign Missions, depends to a very great degree, upon the acceptance or the rejection of the present duty we owe to these our younger sisters who belong to the common parent of us all, our beloved Canada; and those who seek to serve these pioneers of western civilization, earn for themselves the crowns which the first missionaries won by their self-denial for the sake of the early colonists in the older provinces.

Our college has fifteen graduates in these regions, and each summer a number of men, some of whom remain for a year, go out to do mission work. We are glad to welcome back to our midst Mr. W. M. MacKeracher, who, for the past year, has been preaching at Kaslo, on Kootenay Lake, in the Selkirk Mountains, B.C. This place, although only four years old, has already a population of fifteen hundred. The inestimable richness of the Slocan region, and the channels of intercourse by steamboat and railway, point to a great future for Kaslo. Three steamers call morning and evening, and here, also, is the outer terminus of the Kalso-Slocan Railway.

Viewed from a moral standpoint, however, Kalso is not a model town. The people are largely miners who have seen much of one side of life while knocking about from one booming camp to another; and young men who find here none of the restraints of the eastern homes from which they have broken away. Money is not scarce. Those who have it believe in enjoying life as they reckon pleasure—a reckoning indeed, but one which sometimes counts more by blights than by blossoms. There is quite a sufficiency of allurements provided in the twelve saloons open day and night all the year, in the gambling houses, in the variety theatre, and in the other evil resorts. What vice there is, however, is practiced openly, and hand in hand with it goes a good deal of frankness and ingenuous virtue. They have no objection to attendance at church, if it is understood that they are not thereby making