

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The wish of English and Canadian Methodists and their friends, for the establishment of a Wesleyan Mission in British Columbia, is accomplished. Their prayers for its success are likely to be very graciously answered. The esteemed Missionaries, and their wives, and children, departed from Canada amidst the cordial farewells of many Christians of different Churches; the kindest well-wishes cheered them at their places of brief sojourn on the way; they were safe from disease and casualty during their five thousand five hundred miles of winter journeying; and, at the right time, they reached their desired destination, and were greeted by highly respected official, and many other, persons, and those domestic preparations had been made by a considerate and christian gentleman, Mr. Pidwell, which so much enhance the pleasures of welcome in a strange land. No sooner is the Gospel trumpet blown at Victoria, than, according to the accustomed economy of the Methodists, a Wesleyan Church starts into existence, at a town known by a name, which, throughout the globe, is the glory and protection of Wesleyan Missions. To Him by whom Sovereigns rule, and Wesleyan Missions have attained an unprecedented extension, be ascribed the most devout acknowledgments!

The organization and progress of the important work to be done will utterly depend upon wisdom and grace from on high, directing and sustaining God's servants in the dissemination of Revealed truth, and the introduction and use of the disciplinary safe-guards of truth and holiness, which it is ever the care of the Wesleyan Church to secure. And it is most satisfactory that the disinterested purposes of our Missionary Society have obtained the countenance of their Excellencies, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which will eminently conduce to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ.

The first official report from Dr. Evans is published with great readiness, for its ability, comprehensiveness, and connexional excellence. The proceedings reported are prompt and judicious, and impelled by the exigencies which surround him and his devoted colleagues, large unavoidable outlays are to be incurred, to secure efficiency and celerity to movements so auspiciously commenced; and it will not escape the observation of the friends of the Mission, in this Province, that while incessant prayer is a duty, a willing and ample generosity is equally a duty. The previous Missions of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in Canada required an expenditure much greater than the last year's income, and this additional and expensive undertaking, makes an appeal which can only be becomingly responded to by an enlarged and im-