

and cheerfulness. No such day of irrepressible sorrow have I ever passed; no such unconquerable incapacity for the solemnities of the Sabbath have I ever experienced. God grant that I may read aright this trying dispensation. The body of the child has not been found though every diligence has been used in searching for it. The funeral was held on the Tuesday following, and included in procession Councilmen, to whom he was clerk, Firemen, to whom he belonged, and Volunteers, of which he was Lieutenant, and is believed to have been the largest ever witnessed in New Westminster. On the Sabbath after I took for my text Psalm, 37. 37. and was graciously sustained in an earnest endeavour to improve the solemn event, in the presence of one of the largest assemblages ever convened in our Church in this place. A few days after a meeting of the congregation was held, when the following resolution was drawn up, and with sincerest unanimity adopted.

Resolved,—That the members and adherents of this congregation put on record their deep and heartfelt sorrow for the loss of their respected brother and esteemed Elder Mr. Thomas McMicking, whose strong parental affection as well as christian heroism impelled him to venture his own life for the rescue, if possible, from drowning of his third child William Francis, when both father and son found a watery grave. That at all times we adore the sovereign wisdom and goodness of God, and that it is our duty as it is our privilege, in view of this solemn event, to pray that He who can so do, may overrule this trying bereavement for the good of all, and especially for the sanctification and comfort of the afflicted wife and family.—That we hereby unite in an expression of our deepest sympathy with the bereaved family at their and our great and sudden loss, and earnestly desire that upon them may descend the Spirit of comfort in gracious effusion of the oil of joy for mourning. That we record our humble but grateful testimony to the many amiable traits of our departed brother—our estimation of his person, our appreciation of his domestic and social worth, and valuable services rendered as a free-will offering to this Church: and trust that under the divine guidance, by this solemn visitation we may each one, minister and people, be stirred up to a more just recognition of our duty and privilege, that the work of God may be furthered in us and by us, to whom be the glory through Christ Jesus. Amen.

I add nothing more in this communication. But remain, very sincerely,

D. DUFF.

LETTER FROM REV. A. MATHESON.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT,

November 17th, 1866.

REV. R. F. BURNS,

My Dear Brother,—Your very welcome letter came to hand by the last mail. I need scarcely say that we feel thankful for your deep sympathy with us in our time of trouble. To be deprived of our *whole* family by one stroke was a deep affliction, but it was the doing of our Father in heaven who does all things well. Our feeble sense and fallible reason are too apt to say, "All these things are against us," but if we are the children of God by adoption and grace, our afflictions shall work out for us an eternal weight of glory. May the Lord sanctify to our souls the sad bereavement which we have suffered. Mrs. Matheson has not yet recovered from the shock occasioned by our deep trial. If it is consistent with his Divine will, I hope the Lord will spare and recover her to health. Mr. Black would, no doubt, have told you that we removed down to Little