

here during the summer in fishing for the canneries. As these when running employ a large number of Chinamen, we expect to have service also for them by the aid of an interpreter.

Lulu Island, where a fine church site has been offered, Kensington Prairie and Point Roberts, in American territory, have been visited. Members, 12.

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### ALMA.

Another year has passed away, and as we attempt a review of the the same we are deeply conscious of the little that has, or appears to have, been accomplished. Yet, when the peculiar character of the mission is taken into consideration, we are not left without cause for rejoicing. God has been with us, and in consequence labors that otherwise would have been superlatively discouraging became a joy. And in our own experience we were led to rejoice inasmuch as we were enabled to give thanks unto Him "who always causeth us to triumph in Christ." And praying that He would also "make manifest the savour of His knowledge" by us, we endeavored

"To labor on at His command  
And offer all our works to Him."

The majority of the people gladly seemed to hear the "word of truth, the Gospel of salvation" which we endeavored to preach, and to some it is indeed proving the "savour of life unto life." Few of these, however, can be in any way counted Methodist, the mass of the people belonging to another denominational fold to which they are intensely loyal. This, with other reasons, leads us to conclude that the proper arrangement of our work on the south side of the Fraser has not yet been reached. And before we commit ourselves further it is of the highest importance that the matter be earnestly inquired into and dealt with in such a manner as will preclude the certainty, as is the case now, of large demands being made in the near future upon our missionary funds, as from a financial point of view we need expect no material increase on the older parts of this mission.

As to the new appointments, we think Mt. Lehman promises fairly. But some years must elapse, on account of the nature of the holdings, before the people will be in a position to contribute more than a small fraction of the amount required to support a minister. Yet, as no other Church attends to them, and as they gladly hear and evince an interest in us and our work, we should do for them what we can.

The small number that joyfully hear us at Upper Sumas also merit attention. There, during the winter, the revival spirit was among us, and we have succeeded in organizing a class, which is doing well.

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