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the Methodist school at Sapperton, Rev. J. P. Howell, the pastor, presided in his usual happy manner. A number of stereopticon views by Principal Sipprell added interest to the proceedings. The usual programme of music, etc., followed by the distribution of presents to the children. Rev. Mr. Howell was made the recipient of a handsome umbrella. A report by Mr. Gillanders, the superintendent, showed the school to be in a very flourishing condition.

The Chinese Methodist mission was re-opened in the new building on Sunday, January 7th. Good attendance and a very successful dedicatory service are reported. Among those who took part in the proceedings were: Rev. Mr. Moore, superintendent of the Chinese work of Vancouver and vicinity; Rev. R. Whittington, president of Conference; Rev. Jos. Hall, chairman of New Westminster district; Rev. J. F. Betts, Central Church, Westminster, and Principal Sipprell. Mr. Thom is to be congratulated on his new home and we wish him all possible success in his work.

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The trouble between miners and mine owners is not settled yet, and the consequence is the mission fields affected are having hard times to raise funds for church work. Many who have made their homes in one of the three towns on this mission have gone elsewhere to seek work and we find it hard to keep the congregations up in numbers. At New Denver the strike has especially left its mark, the Bosun mine having only a

few men working in place of 50 or more.

The Silverton workers are regretting the departure of two regular attendants and willing helpers for the East, and there seems to be but little prospect of the vacant places being filled.

At Slocan an effort is being made to better our surroundings by a change in the place of meeting. A opportunity has come to rent a hall that will be used solely by the Methodist church, and it is hoped that by making the hall comfortable we may attract more to the services. Recently a choir has been formed and preparations are being made for a concert to be held in the near future.

The Sunday school at New Denver held a very successful Christmas tree entertainment on Friday, December 22nd. The children, who had been trained by the pastor and Mrs. Black, acquitted themselves nobly, and Santa Claus, through his representative, Mr. Walker, distributed an abundance of good things.

Mr. Pymon, the superintendent of the Sunday school, is to be congratulated on the excellent report read at this entertainment. With 44 on the roll, the average attendance is over 30, and the collections average \$6 cents a Sunday.

A visit from Rev. J. F. Betts in December was much appreciated, and while the material results for our college were not large, the matter has been brought before the people and cannot fail to have its effect.

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The pastor, Rev. E. Robson, writes: Last week I paid a visit to the settlers

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on the west side of Okanagan Lake from Shorty's Point north, having good reading in each house and holding a cottage meeting at Bro. Norris'. On Sunday last we took up our collection and subscriptions for missions. The Sunday school children have done better than last year, but we greatly miss some valued adult subscribers who have moved away. On Sunday I gave 10 cents each to each of our Sunday school scholars wherewith to trade and earn money for the mission fund, the 10 cents and its earnings to be returned at the next anniversary of the school. Some of them are already working up material bought with the 10 cents. I prefer earning the money to collecting it.

Monday last I took train and steamer to Peachland, a new and prettily situated town on the west shore of Okanagan Lake. The people of this town are engaged in opening mines in the adjacent foothills and mountains. A member of the company holds divine service in the school house every Sunday and they have a good Sunday school—52 present last Sunday. The population has representatives of almost all creeds, but they live and worship together harmoniously and desire to do so until the denominations become strong enough to sustain each its own minister. Their Sunday school having a surplus of \$15 at the end of the year donated that amount to the India Famine Relief Fund. I lectured on "Turning Points in Life" to a good gathering and received the kindest hospitality. I shall watch the development of this little Utopia with sympathetic interest.

On Tuesday I returned by steamer to Kelowna and spent two days in visiting our people there and at Benvenuto, returning home on Thursday. During the

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