

From the same, dated December 16th, 1872.

Our third quarter has ended, and a brief review of the work is here given. All the appointments have been faithfully sustained, though at a cost of a little weariness of effort, sacrifice of time and feelings, consequent upon such a large and primitive field.

In the city there has been no special event during this quarter, unless it was the pressure painfully felt by churches, schools, shops and families, occasioned by small-pox, resulting in the death of three or four persons, besides some Indians.

At Maple Ridge, on the 28th of November, 1872, we dedicated a beautiful gothic church—the best on the mainland—costing \$1,000. The audience-room is 24 by 30 feet, and the tower is 36 feet high, beside the turrets, and contains a bell, distinctly heard three miles, and is not a bad time-piece for the settlers, as it is rung on week-day mornings at six o'clock. The bank of the Fraser at this place is about 100 feet high, giving the bell an elevation above the river of 130 feet. Though the Chairman, Rev. Wm. Pollard, failed to be present at the dedication, owing to excessive duties and labors in Victoria, and no supply for his pulpit, and also disappointed in Bro. C. Bryant, the popular Superintendent of Sumas Mission, as he was detained by unforeseen difficulties connected with moving and settling in their new parsonage; yet we were cheered by the presence of our noble Missionary, Rev. T. Crosby, who turned aside from his visit to the Indians, and by a large attendance.

After the religious services, consisting

of a sermon and our discipline service, a very successful tea came off, resulting in the sum of \$72. A noble band of brethren and sisters had come up from the town. These, with the local members, spent a most delightful evening at the church in prayer and fellowship.

As bedding was scarce,—though the good friends near by the church showed great hospitality,—the band from town brought some with them, the sisters occupying the available beds, the brethren took possession of the scow used by the carpenters during the erection of the church, while Bro. Crosby and the writer were *floored* for two nights at Bro. Wm. Nelson's.

Just before the dedication, the same church and settlement met with a great loss in the death of Bro. James Wickwire, —a native of Ontario,—a steward in our church, and whose remains were the first to be interred in the new burying ground adjacent to the church. He died in great peace, and beloved of the church. He left part of his property to the church, and which the executors will attend to as soon as a sale can be effected. This is the third member for the year lost by death. The other two were Mrs. Jane Rylet and Joseph McBride; the latter was converted, joined the church, and died in the New Westminster Hospital. Both died in the hope of the Christian.

The winter "pot-latches" among the Indians are setting in like a flood-tide, bringing a strain upon some of our Indians. May the Lord keep them and us unto the perfect day!

MISCELLANEOUS.

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