

the Rev. T. G. Thomson, for a number of years minister of Brucefield, Ont., and the Rev. John Chisholm, of Osprey, Ont., to British Columbia, the former to the charge of what was then known as Granville and North Arm, and the latter to Nicola and associated stations, including Kamloops. For some years previous to Mr. Thomson's arrival, Mr. Jamieson had been giving such supply as he was able to Granville, Moodyville, on the opposite side of Burrand Inlet, North Arm and Langley, in connection with New Westminster. On Mr. Thomson's arrival, Granville was only a mere hamlet, dependant upon an extensive saw mill, and a number of lumbering camps in the vicinity. North Arm is an important agricultural district. The determination of the C. P. R. to make Granville or Coal Harbour the terminus of the road, instead of Port Moody at the head of Burrand Inlet, made the former, while it ruined the prospects of the latter. Within a year a town, indeed a city of considerable size, sprang up, the old name having been changed to Vancouver. Early in 1886 steps were taken to secure the erection of a church—a neat and comfortable building—which was scarcely finished when the disastrous fire of June followed, and swept away almost every building in the place. The missionary and the people at once set to work to rebuild, and, with some aid from the East, were successful in the course of a few months in having a comfortable and commodious hall completed, in which the congregation still worships. The city continuing to grow with wonderful rapidity, the congregation necessarily gained strength and shared in the general prosperity. In March, 1887, the congregation having attained sufficient strength to become self-sustaining, asked for separation from North Arm. This being granted, Mr. Thompson was called and inducted to the pastoral charge in May following, the congregation undertaking to build a manse, and pay a stipend of \$1,500. During Mr. Thomson's charge of North Arm, a neat and comfortable church was erected there.

Owing to the very rapid growth of the city, and want of sufficient accommodation in the First Church, it was found necessary, in the early part of last year, to open a new mission in a rented house in the east end of the city, where a very good congregation was soon gathered together, of which Mr. Thomson took the oversight until May, when the Rev. R. Y. Thomson, B.D., of Knox College, was secured to assist him. During the summer of 1887 a comfortable and commodious hall was completed, and Mr. R. Y. Thom-