

ness! It is a grand thing to be able—to have the desire to spiritualize “the trivial round and common task” —the monotonous routine of work at an isolated mission-station, whether in the house or out; to see each uneventful and commonplace duty done stand out in relation to its end surrounded by a halo of glory.

Material labours materially regarded are subject to the law of matter, and lie heavily and with an earthly dullness upon the heart, but let them be once spiritualized and they rise bouyant as things of air, becoming, like the clouds in the western sky at evening time, glorious in our eyes.

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THE *Industrial Missionary Record* (London, England) for July contains the following sympathetic paragraph on the Aiyansh Settlement Scheme:—

“By the courtesy of the Rev. J. D. Mullins we have received a copy of the *Caledonia Interchange*, issued by the Rev. J. B. McCullagh, of the C.M.S. Mission, Aiyansh, Naas River, British Columbia.

“We perused the twenty pages of this very readable paper with much pleasure. It is additionally interesting from the fact that, with the exception of the coloured map on the front page, the magazine has been set up and printed by Mr. McCullagh’s Indian boys, and it certainly reflects great credit upon those who have trained them so well.

“Mr. McCullagh has already proved the practicability and value of associating industrial work with ordinary missionary operations, and we heartily wish him every blessing in his labour of love.

“His Settlement Scheme by which is it proposed to allot to each man 10 acres of land with a view to his cultivating it, and rearing livestock thereon, within a period of 5 years, is one which we should think would commend itself to all interested in Foreign Missions. The people among whom Mr. McCullagh labours claim the prayerful sympathy and help of every Christian, and we see far-reaching possibilities for good in the effort he is making, not only to perpetuate the race, but also to Christianize and elevate them in their social position.”

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I REGRET to say that Dr. W. T. Rush, of the Methodist Mission on the Naas, has found it necessary to resign his post. A most devoted missionary he did not give—at least, the natives

did not allow him to give himself a chance to make a long term of service. I do not believe the string was once taken off the bow day or night during the whole two years of his residence on this river. He did a grand work under great difficulties, and it will be very hard to fill his place.

The following extract from his parting letter shows what he thought of our Settlement and Industrial Scheme:—

“It has been evident for some time that I could not continue to do good work in my present state of health, and we were thinking of making a change in the fall, but circumstances have developed at home which call us away earlier.

“We regret very much leaving the Naas, and, had I the strength, I would ask for no better sphere than that of gathering the children into a home, and endeavouring to develop manhood and womanhood along lines of Christian industry and thrift. You are on the right track with your settlement and industrial scheme, and you have our very best wishes for success in the undertaking.

“During our two years’ stay on the Naas nothing but kindness has been shown us from the white people on the river, and none have been kinder or more brotherly than our C.M.S. brethren, and it is with sincere regret that we say good-bye.”

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It goes without saying that I am glad to be able (*pour encourager les autres!*) to give the following extract from a letter recently received:—

“The other day Mrs. ——— and I had the privilege and pleasure of sending £50 to C.M.S. to aid in your Homestead or Settlement Scheme, or any other way, you think best, for practical Christianity.

“Some years ago, the Zambesi Industrial Mission was started in South Africa, which I believe has been very successful in coffee plantations, while teaching the natives the Gospel story. The coffee from these plantations has brought the *top price* in the London market, and the income over expenditure is now between two and three thousand pounds per annum, which is spent in perfecting the work and also in extending into other districts. Being on the side of practical, common-sense Christianity—‘when praying to pray, and sing with our understanding’—I was interested in the few details I have seen here and there of your work. But I know little or nothing of the work or plan in particular, and the circumstances under which you are placed are so different to the confined and unlike conditions under which we are accustomed to live my ideas would not likely be of the least use to you, but our principles and aims are much the same.”