

By this Missionary deed Canada makes far-off Columbia a neighbour to be loved and served; and it would be agreeable to expatiate on the fine, joyous tone of the Wesleyan Ministry and Laity throughout Western and Eastern Canada in this matter, and the good-will and cordialty of Ministers and Members of other Churches; on the effect of the large official Valedictory Service in the Richmond Street Church; the imposing, fraternal scene at the St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, when the Mayor and Members of Parliament for the City, and Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, and Wesleyan Ministers and Laymen, had at a Complimentary Breakfast their *re-union* to establish a Wesleyan Mission, where the incomparable sceptre of the Queen of the British Empire is the delight of her affectionate subjects; and not the least touching of the facts of this Missionary period is this — that every Missionary had his local farewell gathering; and according to the recent important testimony of one of the Chairmen of Districts, “the people are praying for the Mission everywhere.” All this in Canada. The final valedictory, however, was—strange and pleasant to say—held in New York; for on the Missionaries reaching that City, the spontaneous and brotherly act of the Methodists was, to assemble in their largest church, and before hundreds of spectators honour our messengers to the Pacific, and pray down blessings on Canada Methodism,—the same ancient, hallowed spirit which in 1791 sent the first Methodist Missionary, LOSEE, to the wilds of Canada, and for years blessed us with the paternal superintendency of their apostolic Bishops.

We devoutly present this and all the Missions to God for his benediction, and earnestly commend them to His people. Very shortly we may expect to hear of the establishment of several central Stations in that western region of gold, and then of others, and that more labourers are needed; for it is the Itinerancy still. The valued grant from England takes the present Missionaries and their families to their work, and for their support, and other necessary large outlays, Canada must at once provide. Canada’s liberality will, it is hoped, sustain Canada’s enterprise. It is not for the new Colony merely this Mission is undertaken. British Columbia is a nucleus and depository of spiritual and social benefits for the Hudson’s Bay Territory on its east, and for Japan, China, Russia, India, and countless Islands on the west; and when the great high-way of nations is made across British North America, that Europe may pour her affluence of population, intelligence, religion, and liberty into the wondrous territories of unevangelized Asia, and the predicted day be hastened when universality shall distinguish the dominion of the Son of God.

ROSSVILLE, NORWAY HOUSE.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Thomas Woolsey, dated Rossville, August 7th, 1858.

Were I an “observer of men and manners” in the same ratio as some of your correspondents, I would not think of departing hence without attempting a sketch of the ROSSVILLE STATION, the residence of the Chairman of the Bay

District, the Rev. Robert Brooking, although knowing that the versatile powers and prolific pen of the ex-chairman have been brought to bear thereon, might damp the ardour of an amateur topographer; but, as it is, a few pass-