

Missionary Intelligence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. R JAMIESON.

We are in receipt of intelligence from Rev. R. Jamieson, up to 12th July. In consequence of there being no minister or missionary at New Westminster, Mr. Jamieson has been spending about half his time there, an arrangement which entails much inconvenience and expense, and which cannot possibly be continued long. Mr. Jamieson expresses an earnest hope that there may be soon a minister for New Westminster, so that he may give his whole time to Nanaimo. In the absence of Mr. Jamieson service is conducted by members of the congregation both at Nanaimo and New Westminster. The Hon. J. Robson and Mr. Geo. Misener, formerly of Wellandport, are mentioned in connection with these services.

COMMUNION SEASONS.

Mr. Jamieson writes:—"Last Sabbath was our quarterly communion here. Sixteen out of our twenty-three members sat down with me at the Lord's table, and a more interested, attentive, and apparently devout membership I never addressed, while I endeavoured to illustrate a line of the paragraph we had just been singing in taking our places.—"My wondrous love." About thirty were present in addition, and not one moved till the services were concluded. On the last Sabbath of April we had the communion in New Westminster,—fourteen communicants present; and a most delightful season it proved to me, and I believe to all.

Thus we enjoy the privileges, and I trust too the promises of the blessed Gospel, under circumstances, in many respects, discouraging and difficult. We have almost literally the "two or three gathered together," and the "little flock;" but if we have the King's presence, and the assurance that it is our "Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom," we may surely fear not."

GENERAL DEPRESSION.

"The time has not come yet when we can proclaim temporal prosperity. It is still the old tune with us—depression—retreat. Here, if any where, have I looked for progress, if slow; while the reverse is so far the result." Mr. Jamieson in referring to some prospective changes, says:—"Affairs will however be conducted on a more healthy basis, and in the course of a few months we may be over the worst."

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The total number of agents connected with the Indian and African missions of the Free Church is 281, viz.: 216 in India, and 65 in Africa. Of these 16 in India, and 6 in Africa, are ordained European missionaries, and 23 are European missionary teachers. There are 7 ordained native missionaries in India. The rest are native teachers, catechists, scripture readers and colporteurs. There are 1468 members of native churches,—605 in India, and 863 in Africa. There are 9995 pupils under instruction in the various schools and institutions, 9148 in India, and 847 in Africa.

The ordinary revenue for the past year has been £14,498 7s. 9d. The sum raised in India was £11,270 0s. 5d. Special contributions, and the amount raised by the Ladies' Society included, the grand total is £31,829 8s. 9d.