

between the parties is in this case to be suspected; to be suspected is for the cause to suffer. Our class meeting, which was usually well attended, dwindled down to four or five; our prayer meeting closed, because no one attended. The fire which had been kindled by a kind Heavenly Father's hand seemed nearly extinguished. The light which shone brightly grew dim; Samson was shorn of his locks and was weak as other men. Such is a brief sketch of our career during the first six months of this Conference year. In the midst of all, our buildings were going on; and, not without much anxiety and hard work, were completed and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. My attention was now turned, and was drawn more directly to the great work of enlightening and saving the people. My own interest in the work increased, the clouds began to disperse, the fires of envy and malice which had been fiercely burning began to die out, and the fire of love to be rekindled in the hearts of the people. Our watch-night service was blessed to each and all who attended, and as we entered into covenant with God He verified his promise and blessed our souls. The dim light began anew to shine. Our strength of which, like Samson, we had been shorn, returned, and the Good Lord enabled us with increased interest in the welfare of souls and zeal for his glory, to put forth our humble efforts and lead man (poor, fallen, blind man) "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God," and I am happy in being able to tell you the same story, told by scores of others throughout the work this Conference year, namely, that sinners have been led to plead for mercy, and to many the Lord has verified His promise, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." The door of mercy has been opened to many, and they have been made to rejoice in a

Saviour's pardoning love; and many more are anxiously "inquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward," and my earnest prayer is that they may never give up until they find the "pearl of great price." I have closed the meetings, with a view of visiting some outposts ere the sleighing is done. Fifty have been received on trial in the church as the result of our meetings, more than half of whom are heads of families, the remainder are from among the Sabbath-school children. May they all be kept faithful to the end and share a glorious and blissful immortality above. And now allow me in all humility to say, that we have suffered much in consequence of not having an assistant as was anticipated at the commencement of the year, and to intimate, that as one was appointed by the Conference to come, he should be sent as early as possible in spring, so as to meet the wants of new settlers. We absolutely require two men for the work already taken up. There will be nine appointments in the spring, six of which should have preaching every Sabbath, that is if we intend to take our position with the other churches; if so this work must have two men. If it is to drag along, and others have the prestige and reap the fruits we might enjoy, why I want to be free from any blame in the matter. Then I want to say more, there should be a third man in this part of the province to do the work of an evangelist among new settlers who are bound to come to the western portion of our young province, or even go beyond its limits. I hope the church with an interest in the work here will give this matter their careful consideration. Allow me to say that in connection with our revival services, Bro. Edwards rendered me efficient service. He is a faithful preacher, and leaves behind him fruits of his labor. Many, many rise up to call him blessed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Letter from REV. G. C. CLARKSON, dated Sumas, 29th November, 1871.

I wrote you last just after our camp meeting in September last, and as another quarter has nearly elapsed since, I will endeavor to give you some

items concerning your mission under my superintendency here. I cannot say that I have taken up any really new ground, but I have been visiting,