

the district, and I am informed that the yield of gold will exceed that of any preceding year. Farther south, at the Kootenay, a new gold field, of which the most favourable expectations are entertained, is already being worked by a considerable body of miners. The farming resources of the country are being developed to an extent little anticipated at a time when gold mining was the prominent thought in every mind. In the Yale District alone forty-six new farms were established previous to the end of August last.

"Nor must I forget to congratulate you on the extensive exportation of spars and lumber, which we now see going on, and on the general prosperity of our principal coal mines (Nanaimo). * * *

"The accounts have not yet been received from the outlying districts of this vast territory; but we are already in a position to state that the receipts will, within a few dollars, equal the Revenue estimated for the current year. * * *

"For an increase of population, and a return of prosperity, I confidently look. It is but natural that in a community which in its early days has been thrown upon its own resources, there should be violent oscillations between extreme confidence and equal despondency. I think the colony is now, however, entirely in a condition of moderate but progressive prosperity, and I can hardly long for the tide of immigration which, on its influx a few years ago, created exaggerated expectations, and on its ebb left disappointed hopes and much misery behind. There is now every evidence of individual well-being. The rate of wages is high; a considerable public revenue is raised under a tariff whose main principle is the taxing of luxuries. If it be contended that the aggregate community is deeply in debt, I reply that our debt does not exceed two years' revenue. I know of no State in Europe or on this continent whose liabilities are comparatively so light."

I have nothing, Mr. Editor, to add to these very gratifying statements.
Yours, &c., R. JAMIESON.

THE MISSION FIELD.

The January number of *Christian Work* takes a bird's-eye view of the chief missionary events of the past year:—

The most remarkable missionary triumph of the year has been in the island of Madagascar. The blood of the martyrs has here proved the seed of the Church; the endurance of these faithful ones testified anew to the vitality of the Gospel of Christ, in making men ready to suffer all things for the name of their Lord. Since the death, years ago, of the persecuting Queen, the Christian cause has rapidly been gaining ground, but now it appears as if the great mass of the population, in the central district at least, with the rulers, are prepared to embrace Christianity. The London Missionary Society has been singularly favoured of God, but nowhere has its work been more blessed than in the island of Madagascar.

The American mission in Turkey in Asia continues to be attended with remarkable success. Christian congregations of self-denying zeal are rising up in and about the old centres of the Church of the Apostles. No mission is more hopeful; none more worthy of the encouragement of Christian men. The Turkish Mission Aid Society, formed in this country to aid this great mission of the East, deserves liberal support.

The various missions in China have prospered more than in any previous year. Christianity, though it has the opposition of many of the