

thanking God for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit which was there vouchsafed, for the rich expositions of Divine truth and forcible appeals to the conscience which we were privileged to hear, for the material improvement which is going on from year to year, by which the encamp-

ment is made more attractive and commodious; and, best of all, for the ingathering of upwards of a dozen souls this year, who are placed for the first time upon our church-roll. May their names be registered in the Lamb's book of life! Amen.

### CHURCH DEDICATION.

The new Methodist Church, lately erected at Somenos, was dedicated to the worship of God on the 23rd inst. The people came from every part of Cowichan Valley, and from Chemainus, to attend the occasion. Every religious denomination was represented, and appeared to take a deep interest in all the services. It was the largest gathering of people ever witnessed in the District, and it was gratifying to see the kind Christian feeling which was evinced by all.

The religious services were conducted by the Rev. W. Pollard, Chairman of the District, assisted by Rev. T. Derrick and Rev. W. V. Sexsmith. A very gracious influence pervaded all the devotional exercises, and the congregation entered into the importance and solemnity of the occasion. It was a "season of grace and sweet delight" to all present, which will not be soon forgotten.

At 2:30 p.m. the people sat down to a rich repast provided by the inhabitants of Somenos and their friends. The viands were abundant, and the set-out was in first-class style.

After tea W. Smithe, M.P.P., was called to the chair, and he gave a very appropriate and able address. Mr. S. evidently possesses more than ordinary ability. He was followed by Revs. Pollard, Derrick and Sexsmith,

whose earnest speeches produced a very fine impression on the minds of the audience.

The Rev. Mr. Sexsmith, pastor of the church, read a financial statement which showed that upwards of \$500 had been paid in cash, besides the labour gratuitously bestowed, which left a debt on the premises of a trifle over \$90. This had been advanced, we understood, by the pastor, and was to be without interest until paid. Had all the labour been paid for, the cost would not have been less than \$700.

The church is a substantial building, with rustic finish on the outside, and lined with dressed lumber on the inside, has gothic windows and doors, is neat and well-proportioned, and will seat upwards of one hundred people. It stands on a corner lot where four roads meet, and presents a beautiful appearance. The ground was given by A. R. Kier, Esq., Postmaster, who with his family has taken a very active part in its completion.

The people are no doubt very much indebted to the indefatigable labours of Mr. Sexsmith for so comfortable a place of worship, and it must have been gratifying to him to have received the sympathy and support of all classes of the community at the dedicatory services.

### GERMAN MISSIONS.

*From the Rev. H. MEYERS, dated Palmer Rapids.*

I came down from the west to labour in the German field of this District. With a grateful heart I

review the mercies of the period of my labour on this toilsome field. Bodily health and strength have been