

YOUNG NATIVE PREACHER.

I was nobly assisted by brother Clarkson, in preaching to the former, and by a young native, to the latter. He is a youth of much promise; and with a better education, and the blessing of the Master, he will yet make his mark. He preached several times with great self-possession and fluency. All were delighted and amazed who listened to him, and desired me much to leave him for a season with the Fraser River Indians; but I felt that he was too young to be left alone, and that he must pursue his studies. He is about seventeen years old, and, as a Christian, a noble example to all. I enclose an excellent likeness, taken two weeks ago. We have another boy, the son of a first-class chief, who is very promising. Their names are David Seloselton, and Solomon Sewel.

HAPPY DEATH OF AN INDIAN.

The sister of the former died happy, a few weeks ago. This is the first of our native class that has been taken home. Her parents are heathen, and did what they could to have their customs adhered to; but she was firm to Christ, and was buried in a Christian manner. When near death, she said "an angel had spoken to her, and

warned her against having two hearts and serving two masters; that she was to have nothing to do with the conjurer; that Jesus had need of her, and was coming to take her home; and that she was to tell her brother David, that he was to be true to God, and preach Jesus to his people boldly."

BUILDING CHURCHES, AND PREPARATIONS FOR A CAMP-MEETING.

While at Chilliwack, I met our building committee, and gave the church there, I trust, a slight move forward. Brother Crosby's illness and other hinderances have delayed it longer than we wished.

I returned home by way of New Westminster and Victoria, attending the Quarterly Official Meetings at both places; and then I came "overland" to Maple Bay, preaching at Saanich, Salt Spring, Somenos, and Maple Bay. While waiting here for the Nanaimo steamer, we made two successful bees,—one to clear the ground for our camp-meeting, and lay the foundation for the preachers' stand, and the seats for the congregation; and the other to raise the walls of our new church in Cowichan. On reaching home we found all well, and the work well sustained.

CARIBOO.

Warm appreciations of the appointment of the Rev. Thomas Derrick to this new Mission are shown by the following Extracts of a Letter very recently received by the Rev. James Elliott, with whom he was associated during the year of Brother E.'s Presidency:—

We have been improving our Church and house since the fine weather came, especially the entrances to both. Mr. Holt and myself met last night, and went into Trustee accounts. We found the cost of Church and house, about \$2,000, all met, and a small balance in hand.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

And I hope to dedicate on Sabbath week, June 20th, the first Church of any denomination built in Barkerville, and free from debt.

My field of labor is, in some respects, trying, and compared with other Circuits, peculiar. An ever-shifting population; no young people

to mould; all men of strong will and habits formed, yet all respectful to me.

The congregations are good, larger in summer than in winter. On next Sabbath I walk seven miles after morning service and preach at three o'clock. Walk back and preach at seven o'clock. It is tough work, yet I keep well and the Lord greatly helps me. I am, on the whole, happy in my work, and have had some proofs of souls saved. I am aiming to be pure in heart and life, and useful to others.

Our brethren write me cheering news from the coast—souls saved, Churches building, and candidates for the ministry raised up.