

The impression on the minds of the General Secretaries from the first was very favourable, they called the Parent Committee, when £500 sterling was liberally granted to encourage this original Canadian project; and the Senior General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Hoole, made known the gift of the Committee to the General Superintendent in a most welcome letter, and the English *Notices* and *Watchman* cordially gave the interesting project to the public. For such promptitude and aid, long characteristic of Home when Canada has claimed attention, the thanks of Canada are offered.

That was the Providential moment. Besides Letters to the President of the Conference, and to several influential members of the Canada Missionary Committee, from the Parent Mission House, the Wesleyan Chaplain at Aldershott, and Mr. Pidwell, Chairman of a meeting at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, with an urgent invitation to us, the General Superintendent received letters from the General Secretaries, and voluntary offers of service from Wesleyan Chairmen and Superintendents of Circuits and Missions in Canada—not less than twelve;—and these unlooked for and unplanned coincidences said one thing—There must be a Mission to British Columbia! The President called the Conference Special Committee, and the General Superintendent the Missionary Committee, each comprising nearly forty members, and in meetings replete with a holy catholicity, and stirred, as in the best days of Canada Methodism, with panting aspirations and a felt Divine influence, not a hand or a heart disturbed the unanimity of the enthusiastic purpose to take possession at once of British Columbia for Christ and the Canada Conference; and while this purpose bespeaks the wisdom, benevolence, and Wesleyanism of these very intelligent Committees, the Letters which this enterprise has called forth, will, with many others, ever and growingly be precious in the archives of the Wesleyan Missionary Department of Canada.

The selection of the Agents was unreservedly entrusted to a very able Sub-Committee, which, after much deliberation and prayer, and the difficulty of deciding when so many capable volunteers were before them, appointed the Rev. Messrs. Ephraim Evans, D. D., Edward White, Ebenezer Robson, and Arthur Browning. There is universal satisfaction with the entire selection, especially with the confidence reposed in the esteemed and sagacious minister who becomes Chairman of the District of British Columbia, and from many a public, domestic, and private sanctuary in Canada, the prayer has gone up to God, Let thy hand, O Lord, be with Thy Servants!

The Committees were held early in November, and before December had passed all outfits and other preparations were made, and our evangelists and representatives to the Pacific were departed from Canada. The General Superintendent accompanied Dr. Evans and family to New York, and, at his request, comfortable second-class accommodations for the party at greatly reduced rates were secured, thereby saving a good sum to the Society. The President, though wishing to do it, was prevented by public duties, and the Rev. Dr. Green kindly accompanied the other brethren to New York, and saw them sail in the ship *Illinois*, and letters since received convey gratifying intelligence of their arrival at the Isthmus.