

miles, I was much pleased by meeting a kind brother and sister from Victoria with a horse and buggy, who took me up, and we were soon in Victoria. At 7 p.m., accompanied by Bro. Russ and others, we repaired to the Indian village, and assisted in marrying a couple, who are, I believe, trying to serve God. May they be the first of a great harvest! The service closed by earnest prayer from natives and other brethren.

Friday, 15th.—Left by steamer *Enterprise* for New Westminster.

Saturday, 16th.—Took passage on steamer *Onward* for Sumass. Arrived at 1 p.m., having travelled since I left here 485 miles.

Sunday, 17.—Preached twice to the Indians and twice to the settlers, and met one class. Spent the time since in visiting the tribes around. May God send us showers of blessings!

*From the Rev. E. WHITE, dated Nanaimo, March 1st. 1870.*

Whatever may be the opinion of the Chairman's views of carrying on the work among the Indians in the vicinity of Missions already established, as expressed in the following letter, we must all agree upon the desirableness of employing additional agency now being raised up in British Columbia to preach the Gospel to those numerous people "of another tongue" to whom he refers, whose destitution and darkness should awaken our practical sympathy:—

Your very welcome and copious letter, dated 31st Dec., 1869, was received a month ago. The full and earnest manner in which you refer to our work among the natives, and the assurances that in this department especially we shall meet with hearty sympathy and co-operation in Canada, is very cheering. I am one with you in regarding this work as of paramount importance, and in believing that it should be defended and pushed forward. If we cannot exactly see alike in reference to the practical detail of the best way to accomplish this, it is probably because the points from which we study the subject are a long distance apart.

I am, and shall at all times be thankful for advice and encouragement touching this matter, for of all questions in connection with the oversight of your Missions in this colony, those relating to the Indian Department are the most perplexing. True, I cannot plead lack of opportunity to acquaint myself with the subject, for when very young I was brought into contact with Indians, both Pagan and Christian, who used to spend part of every year hunting near my father's, in Raleigh, Canada. My first station as an itiner-

ant was Muncey. I pioneered our appointment at Moraviantown, and was two years associated with Herkimer, Salt, and Brooking, in the Indian work at Sarnia.

Since my arrival in this colony, eleven years ago, I have been constantly in intercourse with the natives, and have taken a lively interest in their political, social, and religious welfare. I have found my Canada experience useful, but not so much so as some might suppose; for while in mental capacity and the darkness, cruelty, and folly of their superstitions, the Indians here I think are equal to yours, in many other respects they are very different. The tribes of Canada were larger, farther apart, and less connected with the colonists. That Province was for the most part settled by families (not by straggling bachelors and married men who had left their wives and children behind) who soon formed populous communities, among which there had been powerful revivals, and churches organized before our way was opened among the natives. To these the Missionary could point the Indian for an illustration of the power of the Gospel, and the nature of real Christianity.