

The interval has been ceaselessly spent in the ordinary routine of circuit work, varied and augmented at times by disciplinary duties and the care of the churches. We have had temporary reverses. In one or two instances, an inexcusable neglect of the means of grace; but at other places the Word has been received with gladness, and some have been quickened in an appreciative use of the appointed means.

In our financial resources we have nearly reached the estimated receipts of each quarter—for we are now in our last—and we hope to obtain the required amount at the end of the year. This will be chiefly the result of an increase in the public collections on the Sabbath—with one exception—and of course indicates, in such instances, an enlarged appreciation of the Word preached.

Our Indian work has been chiefly under Bro. Tate's care since his arrival in September. He has not yet found a suitable location for a day-school among the Indians, owing to the scattered number of tribes and their living mostly in small bands, where it would seem practically impossible—in the absence of one large reservation for the whole—to congre-

gate the children for school purposes at any given point. He follows up Bro. Crosby's plan of itinerating at present—visiting the various tribes on Sabbath and during the week—preaching the Word—leading classes—attending to the sick, and doing indeed the regular work of a missionary to the Indians. I ought to say, however, that much of his time has been taken up in building the Indian church at Chilliwack, (which is now nearly finished,) and other mechanical work which occupies no small share of attention and effort on the part of an Indian missionary.

I may say of myself in connection with Bro. Tate's work, that long and excessive rides in attending to circuit duties during summer and fall have obliged me to call upon Bro. T. to render me help (consistent with his other duties),—such as an occasional week-night service among the settlers. But I am happy to say that my indisposition has only been temporary, and has not interfered with my regular Sabbath appointments. We continue to ask the prayers of the home-churches for physical ability, and especially for spiritual power to work for God.

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*From the Rev. W. V. SEXSMITH, dated Maple Bay, August 20th, 1874.*

The good work of the Master is continuing to prosper on this mission. The seed which has been sown during the past ecclesiastical year has not been wholly without fruit. Occasionally we meet with those who have been affected by the preaching of the Word, enquiring the way to life and salvation. And more recently some of the members of the church are beginning to seek earnestly a deeper work of grace, and a closer walk with their Saviour. The spiritual state of this mission is much improved; and the prospects of permanently establishing our beloved cause here are becoming brighter every day.

On the 20th of last June we held our first Quarterly Meeting for this

year. Previous to this date there was no regularly organized Quarterly Board on this mission. We had, however, a few temporary stewards, who attended to the financial department of the work. At the Quarterly Meeting mentioned above, we elected our stewards, and duly organized our Quarterly Board. Since that event there appears to be a greater interest manifested by the people in the work in which your missionary is engaged. Some have become identified with us in church membership, and, I trust, savingly converted to God.

We are strenuously endeavoring, by *Divine aid*, to improve the state of this mission in every legitimate way. We are fully aware of the fact, that