

One great advantage of our living here, and having our own property, is that we both have the *whole* of our time for direct Missionary work, instead of expending time and energy

on the mere routine of teaching the rudiments of English.

May God greatly prosper the Church at home, and give successful Missionary Meetings everywhere.

From the Rev. DR. MACDONALD, dated Shidzuoka.

Our services are regularly held and well attended. Since writing you, twelve persons have received baptism. Five of them were young ladies of Mrs. McDonald's school. At present, one of the higher officials of the local Government is a candidate for baptism. He has charge of the educational affairs of the Province. The term of candidature is three months, and should he continue firm in his desire to become a Christian, he will receive baptism about the first of December. The local Government

will open their hospital the 23rd inst., which I shall attend in connection with, and as a part of my Missionary work. I have, therefore, closed the dispensary in my house. My school will remove, to-morrow, to a building within the hospital grounds. I went to Yokohama to meet the Missionaries. We are greatly pleased at their coming. Mr. Meacham has commenced work at Numadzu. It is a great pleasure to have neighbours, even though distant thirty-seven and a-half miles.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From the Rev. WM. POLLARD, Chairman of the District, dated New Westminster, September 19th, 1876.

BROTHER Bryant is away to the California Conference, now being held at Stockton, for ordination. I think I mentioned to you that I wrote to Bishop Peck, who informed me that it was not in his power to ordain Brother Bryant, as the candidate for orders must be a member of one of their Annual Conferences. Bishop Harris, who passed through Victoria a few days before our District Meeting, remarked to Brother Russ that Bishop Peck was mistaken—that if Brother Bryant could attend the California Conference, he would ordain him, provided that he presented a certificate of eligibility. I immediately telegraphed to the Bishop, and received a favourable reply. Brother Bryant left by the first boat. This arrangement suited all parties, and will save the Committee from three to four hundred dollars, besides Brother Bryant's time. Brother Turner is supplying for him.

I fully sympathize with your views with regard to our brethren returning home. I think that no man should be sent to this district who is not willing to remain as long as he has health. I hope that in future suitable men will be found in this country who will have no claim to return.

Martin is a promising young man, and well suited to our work. His preaching ability is quite above par. He supplies Maple Ridge and Langley on the Sabbath, and studies during the week. He is making good progress both in his books and in his Mission work. The Mission raises more than \$125, which is all he has to support him. He lives in a small school-house in the parsonage garden, and boards himself in the cheapest way. I wish the Committee could make a grant of one hundred dollars to Maple Ridge, &c.

Wellwood (formerly at Klineburg) is the young man to whom you refer. His health was very much improved