

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, VICTORIA.**—This church was organized by the Rev. Thomas Somerville, in 1866, who, as already stated, ministered for some time in the First Church. The building was erected under his ministry, chiefly by funds sent out by the Church of Scotland. Mr. Somerville remained pastor of St. Andrew's for five years, and was succeeded by Mr. Macgregor in 1871. He remained until 1881, when he, as did also his predecessor, Mr. Somerville, returned to Scotland. Mr. Stephen, the present pastor, came in 1881. The membership is about one hundred; Elders, four, Managers, twelve; Sabbath School on roll, seventy, attendance, sixty; Teachers, nine. The debt on church and manse is about \$3,500. The revenue of the church is derived from pew rents and collections. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland gives aid to the extent of \$625 per annum. There seems to me, however, no good reason why such a congregation should receive any grant whatever—or at least, why it might not be discontinued *at the earliest possible date*. No church in the city of Victoria should, in my opinion, receive any grant either from the Church of Scotland, or the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**—The Rev. Robert Jamieson was appointed to British Columbia nearly 21 years ago, by the Canada Presbyterian Church. British Columbia was then and for many years afterwards, under the care of the Foreign Mission Committee. The same Committee also appointed the Rev. Wm. Aitken, who preached in different localities from 1869 to 1871, and the Rev. Daniel Duff, who laboured chiefly among the miners at Cariboo. Mr. Jamieson was for many years the only missionary over a wide district, preaching at Langley and other places, until in later years, when additional missionaries were appointed by the Church of Scotland, his labours were restricted to New Westminster and the immediate vicinity. As the reports of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, have been for years published in the Home Mission Report, it is unnecessary to refer to them in detail. From the report submitted to the last General Assembly, we learn that the membership is thirty-eight, and that there has been little or no increase for some years past; that the Sabbath School is attended by thirty children, and six teachers, and that in addition to the \$800 paid Mr. Jamieson, the congregation contributes to the principal schemes of the church. Mr. Jamieson has for some time been in an infirm state of health, which has prevented him doing the amount of work of former years, and which indeed is necessary, in a field which ought to be able to support a Minister, with far less assistance than that now given by the Committee (\$1,200). In proportion to the mem-

bership the church stands well, but there seems no good reason why in such a place there should not be a much larger congregation gathered in. Mr. Jamieson feels that he needs a change, for a longer or shorter period as the Committee may decide, in the hope of recruiting his energies, and asks leave of the Home Mission Committee to labour for six months at Nicola Valley in the hope that the change would prove beneficial to his health.

**LANGLEY**, about ninety-seven miles distant from Victoria, and twenty-two from New Westminster, has been in charge for the past seven years of the Rev. Alexander Dunn. There are also two outlying settlements, the North and South Arm, under his care. These are distant thirty-two and twenty-five miles respectively from Langley, where Mr. Dunn resides, and of necessity involve great expenditure of time and strength to visit them or preach upon the Lord's day, in connection with Langley. In January last it was determined that Mr. Dunn should confine his services on Sunday to Langley and immediate neighborhood, and certain steps were taken by the Presbytery, with a view of securing a Missionary to labour exclusively in the North and South Arm and adjacent fields. For reasons, however, that need not be stated, the matter has not been prosecuted further in the meantime, and these stations are still dependent upon Mr. Dunn's occasional services, or other chance supply. At Langley, there is a small church, built some ten or twelve years ago, by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, who at that time gave occasional service. The attendance is about sixty. At the Prairie, six miles distant, there is no church, but service is held in a school house, with an attendance of thirty. At Mud Bay, the congregation numbering some twenty-five, meet in one of the settler's houses in the absence of a place of worship. At Maple Ridge, the number of Presbyterians is estimated at forty or fifty, and worship is held in the Methodist Church. At the North Arm worship is also held in the Methodist Church, with an attendance about the same as at Maple Ridge. Prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools are held as far as practicable in the different districts. The stations supplied by Mr. Dunn as the above statistics show, are comparatively weak and the members far from wealthy. They give however according to their means. In the first year of Mr. Dunn's pastorate, \$200 was the entire amount subscribed, this year upwards of \$500 has been given towards the support of the Minister. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland make an annual grant to this field of \$625.

**NANAIMO AND WELLINGTON MINES.**—Nanaimo, distant from Victoria seventy-nine miles, was organized by Mr. Jamieson on the