

EXPENDITURE,

Including interest on money borrowed, expenses, charities, insurance, repairs or in detail :

Due Mr. Jamieson.....	\$ 69 32
Interest.....	279 50
Expenses, &c.....	71 46
Charities.....	48 50
Insurance.....	52 00
	\$517 78

The balance in hand is \$170 23, which is to be applied to meet a demand made upon us for a part of the loan principal.

To the increasing attention of the gentleman above named, and the lively interest of Mr. John Robson, the patriotic and uncompromising editor of the "British Columbian" newspaper, our cause here is mainly indebted. Let honour be paid to whom it is due.

We do not feel, at this time, ourselves in a position to afford for the relief of the mission at home a part of our finances, seeing that the past year has been one of great pressure in monetary matters. I can hardly suppose that it will be considered by the Church generally, that we are presuming too much upon their great liberality in earnestly striving first to rid ourselves of the debt which like an incubus weighs upon us, by loosening the cords of dependence by which we hang upon her support. God speed the day when such a connection shall no longer need to be obtained, and a tribute of gratitude accompanied by the gifts of a benign Providence shall be freely and amply returned. I trust you do not need to be assured in any other way than that within our reach at present that our best endeavours are after the attainment of this most desirable end.

Last Sabbath was devoted to the dispensation of services connected with the administration of the ordinance of the Lord's supper. The number of communicants was as usual, small, though the attendance on the preaching of the word was favourable.

We are just entering on another season of business as it relates to mining which is the all absorbing source of industrial effort and material supply for this and the neighbouring colony. Two auriferous districts have been discovered since the opening of last season, with which, added to those already tried and proved, will give four gold fields toward which the eye of hope and expectation is eagerly directed. They are Cariboo, Kootenay, Bridge River north-west of Lilloet, and Big Bend on the Columbia River. The general opinion, whether correct or no, is that the last of these will prove the most extensive and prolific. A great rush is expected in a few weeks, and especially from the fact that our colonial authorities have taken efficient measures to circulate here and elsewhere all available information relating thereto, and have ventured to accede to the popular demand to subsidise a line of direct steam communication between this town and San Francisco. The first arrival to-day of the steamer with passengers etc., was cause of some excitement.

With regard to summer operations, I would only say that I deem it highly expedient to give as much as possible to New Westminster, inasmuch as this more than any other in this colony is a settled station, and some fostering care is needed that the efforts of the past may not be lost to us in time to come.