

that your Home Mission Board might probably assist in supporting a missionary in this Province. We deem it a fortunate circumstance, that having visited the Province personally, you can form a pretty correct idea of our state, and know how utterly impossible it is for two missionaries of the Presbyterian Church to supply services to the scattered Presbyterians of this wide country. I may mention, however, that new settlers are rapidly drifting into the country, that by the last steamer from San Francisco, we had a large addition to our population; that many of them are Presbyterians, and that they report a large number of families expecting to leave for Vancouver during the course of the present Summer. In the meantime, both Mr. Jamieson and myself have more work on hand than we can well overtake, but beyond us lies a field which we cannot possibly enter. The mission here, in the present state of the country, is unfortunately an expensive one, but it will become less so, year by year. I have no hesitation in saying that I know of no place whatever, where there is a better opening for doing real good, than in British Columbia at the present time. The future history of Presbyterianism on the Pacific will certainly be much influenced by immediate action in this matter. Other denominations are receiving additional missionaries for this field. The Methodists have lately had an addition of two ministers to their staff, and they are expecting some more shortly. They are supported principally from Ontario, and it does seem too bad if we cannot get even one to help us. The Episcopal Church has also a large staff of ministers, and are consequently making themselves felt in the country, while we too ought to be occupying new ground, but cannot for want of missionaries. I do hope that we shall have some aid from the East as soon as possible. I have applied to the Home Church for another missionary, but there seems to exist the old difficulty of getting the man. With two missionaries in the field, we could overtake a great amount of work, and two missionaries are absolutely necessary. I earnestly hope you can do something for us in this matter at the meeting of Synod. Indeed I know the Synod too well to think otherwise, and in the mean time,

Remain yours, &c.,
S. MCGREGOR.

INDIA.—The good work in this land has made cheering and satisfactory progress. In nine years, 85,430 persons have been added to the Christian Church.

Letter from Rev. P. Melville B. D.

GEORGETOWN, P. E. I.,
May 17th, 1873.

Dear Mr. Editor,—The "Questions on Statistics" have reached us, as ordered by our last Synod; and while we are diligently gathering in all the facts in answer to them, it seems the fittest time to write you also a sketch of our Parochial news; as my letter may prove doubly useful in stirring up others to write you their news, and also to answer the Statistical questions promptly and punctually.

Nineteen months have now elapsed since I became Minister of Georgetown; and I am still learning to love the situation, the labour and the people, daily more and more. Although the situation is somewhat secluded and Oriental, yet our little town, embosomed in the young woods and refreshed by the lovely breezes of the sea, has an Orient freshness, health and freedom, which make it one of the most delightful summering retreats in the world. My parochial work, too, is indeed incessant and often of a primitive kind; but it has, in return, something of the blessed frankness, fondness and success of the primitive age. Among the people also, the old Adam shows his hateful features, in old animosities, idleness, dissipation, &c.; but we are learning to detect and resist his advances, in others first, and afterwards in ourselves; for it is hard to see the old Adam in ourselves, except when reflected by others, as in a mirror. And our people know well that the only way to save ourselves from the old Adam is, to love and obey the second Adam, who is LORD of all. Many of them are labouring to do this by His divine help; and therefore we cannot but love them, for that is the one only way by which human beings can become truly reliable, and amiable as the angels of God.

The Almighty has been with us graciously, and has made His work to prosper very remarkably among us. We have now seven flourishing Sabbath schools in the parish, attended by more than 250 scholars, and conducted by 26 devoted teachers. The principal Sabbath school is in Georgetown Kirk. Three others belong to the Cardigan congregation, and are held at New Perth, St. Peter's.