

the congregation also, and costing about £700 a year. The congregation built the Ragged Church at an expense of £1200, and the day-schools attached to the church for £4000.

"The congregation gives a collection every Christmas Day, after a sermon, amounting to £25 or £30, which is distributed among poor Scottish ministers in the north of England. On every Good Friday they give a collection, amounting to £40 or £50, for our India Missions, which we pay over once in two years.

"There are also incidental collections for the Caledonian Asylum, the last amounting to £595; for the Portsmouth Mission, amounting to £60. The Sunday evening congregation is as crowded as the morning, but it consists chiefly of Episcopalians from all parts.

"There is a Friday evening short service, lasting one hour, and occasionally the actors and actresses attend and hear the gospel.

"A monthly prayer-meeting, conducted by the elders, is held in the middle school-room, and is attended by 100 to 150 persons. There is a district visiting society restricted to the neighborhood, and the minister of the Ragged Church is authorized to allow 2s. 6d. a week to every sick person he visits.

"The examination of the schools took place recently in the presence of influential members of the congregation. The *Times* newspaper had an article on it, as follows:—"A very interesting examination of the three schools belonging to the Scottish Church, Crown Court, Covent Garden, took place on Friday. There were upwards of 600 children, some the children of actors, and numbers the children of poor porters and fruit-sellers about the market. The Duchess of Sutherland, the patroness of the schools, personally gave away the prizes, in the presence of the Marchioness of the Abercorn, the Marquis of Stafford, Lord M'Leod, Lady Alberta Hamilton, the Hon. Admiral Gordon, and other supporters of the schools. The poor children showed the first effect of a good plain education in the tidiness and cleanliness of their appearance. An exemplary feature in the girls' school was the rare one of presenting shirts made or mended, and stockings knit—ornamental work being strictly interdicted. Many of the infants used to be kept at home under the influence of opiates while their mothers attended to their work in the market. They are now taken care of, and admirably taught. At the close of the proceedings, Dr Cumming expressed the great satisfaction felt by the noble visitors, and especially by the Duchess of Sutherland and Countess of Cromarty, who visits the schools every week, and rewards in various ways the children that excel. Here is a dark nook lighted up. If every congregation attended to its own doorsteps, London would be clean."

Vancouver's Island—The Indian Tribes.

THE Rev. J. B. Good, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, writes:—

The Bishop, in company with Mr Garrett, started for the Frazer and Cayoosh the other day. The journey to the mines the Bishop has postponed until a later month in the year, and, in the meantime, two of the British Colonial clergy have been sent on to Cariboo—a distance of nearly 500 miles—that they may institute a series of services amongst the miners, and so clear the way for the Bishop's intended visit at the close of the summer season.

I must confess that a closer acquaintance with them, and especially with the Northern tribes, has most effectually scattered to the winds any romantic and sentimental conceptions I had entertained of their superior and exalted character over their red brothers of the forest on the other side of the Rocky Mountains.

The scenes that are weekly enacted on the Indian reserve, within a stone's throw of the school, would appal the stoutest heart and make the most philanthropical nature almost despair.

To begin with the extreme Northern Indians, the Hydahs and Stickeens, from Queen Charlotte's Island.

They are certainly finely proportioned, many of them handsome in appearance, both mentally and physically superior to the Southern tribes; bold and wonderfully imitative, with a trace of the Japanese both in their language and features. These are the terror of all the coasts along which they sail in their plundering expeditions to the South. They are as bad as the Danes and sea-kings of old; although, occasionally, in their encounters with the various tribes lining the coasts, they come off only second best.

They seem to possess ungovernable passions; their love of poisonous and villainous drinks unquenchable, licentious beyond conception, their women, almost without exception, from the age of ten and upwards, being common prostitutes. And it is to be feared that the peace of the colony will one day be purchased only by their entire annihilation, rather than their subjugation through civilization and Christianity.

Next follows the "Chimseans," a slight improvement on the Hydahs, yet drunken, licentious, and dangerous when in intercourse with the whites.

Among them "The Hudson Bay" have a fort, called "Fort Simpson," near to the Russian territory. A mission party reside there, consisting of the brave, the undaunted, and successful Duncan, to whom appertains the honor and glory of founding a Mission in