



A CATTLE RANCH, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

tory is one of the best known of the C.M.S. Missions. There are now many Christian Indians, and those who know them best, speak most highly of their sincerity and devotion; in fact, one who has lately gone to work among them has expressed the wish that he might be able to send some of his people down "to Toronto to be an example to the Church people there."

Sad to say, however, all the British Columbian Indians are not Christians, and very many have never yet heard the story of "Jesus and His Love." Here, as elsewhere, we have taken their lands from them, surely we are bound to give them in return that Gospel, more precious than all else.

But other heathen meet one on every side in British Columbia, strangers and aliens in our land, and it behoves us to ask ourselves earnestly, why has God permitted them to come among us? Surely it cannot be for the sake of the money they earn. Wherever one goes, from the coast as far east as Donald, and north and south from the line of railway one sees the Chinese. In the cities and towns one finds few other domestic servants but the Chinese; working on the railways, in the mines, on the ranches, in fact everywhere are to be found these people, and surely the Church must arouse herself and at once take active steps to do something for these "strangers within our gates." One evening while in Vancouver we went to see the small

Mission School, established by the Methodists there. It is held in the house of the native Christian Catechist, who was brought by them from China to take charge of the Mission. Two young ladies were busily at work teaching some twelve or fourteen Chinese men, or "boys," as they are always called, to read, and very diligent pupils they seemed to be. After the school was over we were taken into the Catechist's house, and introduced to his wife and two children, one a boy twelve years, dressed in European clothes and speaking much better English than his father, for he has attended one of the public schools in Vancouver for sometime. The other child was a girl of about eight, and she, like her parents, wore the native costume. This Catechist I afterwards met when we were both journeying to Kamloops. He told me there were many of his people there and in the surrounding country, and he visited them and held services as often as possible. The Methodists have also a mission for the Chinese in Victoria, and while we feel thankful that some Christian teaching is given, surely it must make us feel, more and more, with shame and sorrow, that we, as a Church, are standing aloof as if to say, "Am I my brother's keeper." It is estimated that there are nearly 30,000 heathens in British Columbia, Indians and Chinese!

Still another class of people in British Columbia demand a share of our attention, and also of our help as a Church. I mean the miners. We are