

(e) *Lytton*, 160 miles above Westminster, in the midst of a large mining district.

(f) *Cayoosh*, 39 miles higher up, at a junction of the river with one main road to the mines, the entrance to a beautiful agricultural country, likely, some think, to be the future capital.

(g) *Alexandria*, 246 miles above Cayoosh, in the midst of mines; a supplying town.

(h) *Quesnel River*, 30 miles higher, a branch of the Fraser, where are the richest diggings, and a considerable population.

(i) For the Chinese a special agency is needed. I should like to have two Missionaries devoted to this interesting people.

A Chinese merchant, Quong Hing, has given £5 and £10 to our new Churches building respectively in Westminster and Victoria.

Thus, then, our *immediate want* is the aid of *fourteen* additional able, faithful, and zealous Missionaries.

6. There are peculiar difficulties in our work here. The population is of such a kind as to require men of no ordinary ability and tact.

The large proportion of estranged and foreign people renders unlikely any considerable support for some time.

7. We are not without encouragement.

My first Confirmation (of thirty-three candidates), on Sunday week, was truly refreshing to my spirit. A deep impression has been made, and our work is strengthened. God be praised.

An interesting incident has occurred in the conversion of a Roman Catholic priest. I met him on board the steamer on my passage. Bishop Kipp received him at the Holy Communion a few Sundays ago. He is now living in my house, preparing for active ministry in due time. The Rev. Louis Donatus Rivieccio is a young man of great ability, Professor of Classics and Philosophy at the Roman Catholic College in Francisco. He has preached in English, Spanish, and French, besides his own Italian. He may be of the greatest use in reaching the various people of his own and other races.

The coloured people (Africans), of whom there are many, are looking much to us as the only religious body which has supported their equal rights, and especially their recognition in the house of God. The Romanists have given way to the American *caste* prejudice as well as the Congregationalists. The coloured people suspect the Methodists will do the same, when their chapel is ready, and have a "negro corner," separated from the rest of the church by a "partition wall," which the Gospel condemns. Several of the coloured people are devout Christians.

Please ask our friends to help us promptly.

Ever yours affectionately,

G. COLUMBIA.

NOTE.—Another devoted Clergyman has offered himself, and his private means, as a labourer under the Bishop without stipend for five years.