

The excavation for the new "First Church" has been completed. The building is to be one of the handsomest in the city and the members and officials are enthusiastically looking forward to worship and work in the new structure.

A new mission and a new church have been opened in the Gorge district under the care of First Church. This little church was built in four days and is a credit to the neighborhood.

First Church folk are making strong missionary efforts in these days and a unique gathering was held in the Church Hall recently under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., when over 200 Chinese were entertained in song and speech and refreshment. It was the meeting of the East and the West for the first time in the city. The Christian white people had gone to visit the Chinese before, but never until this time had the Chinese visited the white people. The occasion was a notable and historic one.

### *The Anglican Synod of British Columbia*

Towards the middle of this month of June the Anglican Synod of British Columbia convened in St. Paul's Church, Vancouver. At the same date the "Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Association" was in session in the city, and to one interested in both of these very different phases of business, attendance at the respective meetings provided a curious contrast.

In these so different gatherings there was a common keenness shown by individual members in discussion and it must be said that if the "ad." men revealed zest and alertness in dealing with their subjects, the clergy of the Anglican Church were not behind in displaying equally active interest in the business of their diocese.

Several incidents lightened the serious discussions of the Synod, the main subjects of which included (1) the inevitable question of finance, and (2) the question as to the maintenance of two Halls in the British Columbia Anglican College.

As President, the Bishop of New Westminster is one of the most genial of men and attractive of personalities, and the compliment paid in ready reply to him by a legal member of the Synod when an inquiry as to photographing the synod was mentioned, was well merited. While the Bishop indicated his willingness to undergo the ordeal, a large number of the members cried "No!" in response to the question—Would they face the camera? Whereupon a learned judge smilingly exclaimed—"If we were all as good-looking as your lordship we should be ready!"