

"All Islands" is, we regret to say, too wide a subject for us to take up in our limited space, but we would ask our readers to make a list for themselves of as many islands as they can think of, and find out as much as possible about them; not forgetting Japan and our own Vancouver, from which we are so glad to receive the following:—

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.—News of this far western Diocese seldom appears in the Eastern Church papers, which must arise from carelessness of correspondents, for the unification of the Church in Canada makes us realize that we are all really one. The "hard times" (although the hardship has not been by any means so severe as in other parts of the world) have made any forward movement very difficult during the summer months, indeed it has hardly been possible to sustain the already existing parishes and missions. One District, *Union Mines*, near Comox, calls loudly for Church ministrations. There is a growing population, and only scant provision made—no Church building at present. Alberne, too, which may become an important place in time, is unvisited. On the other hand, a new Church has been built on Salt Spring Island, and the Rev. C. E. Cooper, has erected at his own cost a memorial Church, at French Creek, where several settlers have lately taken up land.

The work of the Church Mission in Victoria, has been satisfactorily carried on. The attendance at the Sunday services and Bible class, as well as at the instruction classes, which are held every evening, has been most encouraging. The gift of \$500 from the Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions is simply invaluable, and without it the work could not be carried on. The Rev. Canon Paddon, Erin Home, Victoria, has kindly consented to receive subscriptions for this special work. Most encouraging reports reach us from the C.M.S. Mission, of the Indians at Alert Bay. The Rev. J. A. Hall has returned from England, to find that in his absence Mr. Corke, the lay Missionary, had kept the work together admirably, and the opening of the new Industrial School has proved a great blessing.

During the coming Advent there is a prospect of a series of special services in Victoria, with the object of deepening the spiritual life of the Church, and the prayers of Christian people are earnestly asked for God's blessing upon the work."

The following was kindly sent us by Rev. E. Lipscombe, Superintendent of Chinese Mission, Victoria:—A garden party was held at Bishopstowe, Aug. 21st, in connection with the Chinese Mission. His Lordship, Bishop Perrin, introducing the Rev. H. Gowan to the meeting, who gave an interesting address on his former experiences at Honolulu. It was gratifying to the superintendent and teachers of the C. of E. Chinese Mission in Victoria, to hear that the manner of conducting the Mission, and the methods used for conversion advocated by Rev. Mr. Gowan, were already part of the system adopted by them, which is doing such good work. A letter was read by Bishop