

There will also be another boat of China Inland missionaries, containing three small families and three young ladies.

I am sure you will pray for us ; we need your prayers.

God has so wonderfully helped and guided us. Our trust is in Him.

M. BRIMSTIN.

## Chinese Work in British Columbia.

### AN OPIUM EATER, RESCUED.

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WE have four girls at home just now. Martha returned for a month because she was sick, having that dreaded disease, consumption. She is in bed most of the time and has all her meals carried to her. I have tried to be careful, but it is almost impossible to make them understand any sanitary precaution. She intends going home next week if well enough.

Ah Yute was received over two weeks ago and is getting on famously. She had been using opium and tobacco for at least ten years as nearly as we can make out, and is now content with three cigarettes a day and has had no opium for three days. I have given her both since she came to the home, as we were warned it would be dangerous to deprive her of them too suddenly ; but the dose has been decreased so gradually that she has not complained and she affirmed that the teachers are a "heap good," which shows that so far she is content.

The Japanese woman is so quiet and industrious that she is really a comfort. As for Bessie I hope she may improve, but the poor child has a great struggle with her bad temper. I have tried every plan in her "tantrums," and have found no sure remedy yet, but one comfort is that the child now prays for herself that the bad spirit may be taken out of her heart. When I go to her room and find her on her knees I know that the storm is over for that time at least.

The girls all go to bed at eight and rise before seven without being called, and there is no attempt at running away. They are fond of sewing, and that keeps the afternoons full. We are going to try our hand at gardening too.