

that Methodism ought to present to foreigners on their arrival here a representation more worthy of itself, in building and equipment.

## THE JAPANESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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There are about three thousand Japanese in British Columbia. A few are naturalized and in business for themselves, others are fishermen, miners, or lumbermen, while many are in domestic service.

The Methodist Church is the only denomination doing missionary work amongst them, with the exception of the Baptist Church, which has one mission. Two years ago a Buddhist priest came to establish a mission in British Columbia, but was discouraged in his enterprise, and went to San Francisco, where he succeeded in building a Buddhist temple.

In Victoria the mission is under the control of Mr. Oyama ; in Cumberland and Union, Mr. Yano has charge ; in Steveston, the great Fraser River salmon cannery town, Mr. Okabi is in charge ; in Sapperton, Mr. Morimoto ; in Vancouver the mission is under the direction of Rev. Goro Kaburagi, who is a regularly ordained minister of our Church and who superintends the work at Steveston and Sapperton.

At Vancouver about two hundred Japanese are