

The annual cost of the school in its present shape is about \$860, made up as follows:—Rent of building, \$210; two lady teachers, \$480; two native assistants, \$120; lights and fuel, say \$50. In addition to this a grant should be made sufficient to buy 500 Bibles, as many hymn-books, and a supply of Gospel tracts. Increased room accommodation is much needed, and this, in the building now occupied, would cost about \$150 additional for rent, and \$150 more to make necessary changes and provide seats. As there is every probability that the Chinese will remain permanently in Victoria, we should regard this mission as a permanent one, and take steps accordingly. In the future we shall require a church to accommodate five or six hundred people, a school-room with several class-rooms attached, a reading-room, etc., etc., as much of our work among the Chinese must be done after the Y. M. C. A. fashion.

To sum up, I am glad to say that our entire mission work on the Pacific Coast is, on the whole, encouraging; and while it would be too much to say that all the men are equally well adapted to deal successfully with the peculiar phases of society in that country, yet I can affirm that all are working earnestly, and that the interests of our Church in British Columbia are, for the most part, in good and safe hands.

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