

CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Staff.—A. B. Winchester, Victoria. C. A. Colman, Vancouver; also giving one-third of his time to New Westminster, and in summer assisting at the canneries. Ng Man Hing, Victoria, with Mr. Winchester. Mr. Ng has visited the whole field. L. W. Hall, Union.

Schools.—The keeping of the roll was entrusted to one of the Christian Chinese when Mr. Ng and the writer were out of the city. Our actual attendance has been larger during last year than during any previous year.

One Chinese, a Christian, was present 222 nights out of 248, besides being present on Sabbath days and on prayer meeting nights.

New Westminster.—For this school we have not full statistics. The attendance was so small in the early part of the year that it was thought best to close the school during the coming season. The school was closed on the 18th day of June, and re-opened on the 20th of October. Since the re-opening the attendance has been very encouraging, averaging about twenty each night for five nights per week.

Union.—Until October the attendance averaged twenty per night. About that time one of our Christian scholars refused to subscribe money for the practice of heathen rites at a funeral. For this he was persecuted and the school boycotted. At the time of writing the average attendance is twelve.

Prayer Meetings.—Only at Vancouver has there been a regular prayer meeting, i.e., an evening during the week devoted to Scripture reading, prayer and praise. This meeting has been kept up during the year by Mr. Colman, when in the city, and by the Misses Dick and Kellar and Mr. Kelman, in Mr. Colman's absence.

Sabbath Services—Victoria.—Regular Sabbath services have been held twice each Lord's day throughout the year; a Bible class in the afternoon and a preaching service in the evening. In addition, when the weather and light would allow, two outdoor preaching services were held in Chinatown each Sabbath. By the street services we were able to reach quite a number who would not otherwise have been reached. Our services in the hall have not been well attended, the average being about eighteen.

Vancouver.—Regular Sabbath services have been kept up throughout the year. Mr. Colman has conducted these services himself, except on those days he was at Westminster or at the canneries. Average number present about fifteen. Street services were also held in good weather.

New Westminster.—Only occasional Sabbath services, and those were poorly attended, whether on the street or in our school-room. But good, we believe, has been done by visiting the Chinese in their homes, speaking to small groups who congregate there, and circulating the Scriptures and tracts among them.