

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Good news comes to us of the mission work being done in our Pacific Province. The last five years has seen marvellous progress both in consolidation and advance on the Pacific slope. The Mother Church of Scotland has for years been willing that the brood she had nurtured should find a resting place within the Canadian Church. St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, and in this past year Nanaimo, along with a number of mission stations, are now vigorous congregations of our body, while Vancouver City, with its marvellous growth, has already two of our Presbyterian congregations—and another soon, we trust, to be with us. Thus there is added strength on the mainland to our old "pillar of the truth," New Westminster, and the rising congregations along Fraser River. But much land yet remains to be possessed. Scattered families of white people have pushed their way up the sheltered valleys, and while largely secularized, have in their better moments longings for the sound of the "church-going bell." Superintendent Robertson is now expected to explore the recesses of Columbia, and has just returned from a tour of observation. Let us assist the Columbians, and encourage them to lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes. Thousands of heathen Indians and hordes of neglected Chinese appeal to us by their ignorance and superstition. Can there be a nobler motto than "Columbia for Christ?"

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE.

In the midst of the Mennonite Reserve, south of Winnipeg, stands the little town of Gretna. As the traveller over the Great Northern Railway enters Manitoba from the south, facing him stands the beautiful Presbyterian church—the only church in the place. The congregation in Gretna is made up of ten different sects, who worship together under the shadow of the Presbyterian vine. There are Jews, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, German Baptists, Free Baptists, Methodist Episcopalians, Mennonites, Canada Methodists, and Presbyterians—almost as promiscuous as the Pentecostal gathering. To Mr. A. C. Manson belongs the honor of inducing this mixed community last year to raise upwards of \$1100 to pay for their church, besides their share of the missionary's salary.

A PLUCKY MISSIONARY.

A student of Manitoba College came to the convener of the Winnipeg Presbytery and offered to undertake the Beausejour mission, where not a service had been held, at his own risk. Four stations have been opened, the missionary reports thirty-seven Presbyterian families in the district, and some twenty-four members. The Presbyterian church alone supplies services here, and will continue them regularly this winter.