

What is our Society doing for these children?

In the North-West until this year a grant has been made to the McDougall Orphanage, which has lately taken possession of a new building erected by the Government, who also make a yearly grant according to the number of inmates. At present we do not do any work in the North-West as a Society, excepting that done through the Supply Committee. In British Columbia we have two homes, one the Crosby Girls' Home, at Port Simpson, 600 miles north from Victoria, at one at Chilliwhack, in the Fraser River valley. The first work, aided by our Society, was in connection with the former home, when in July, 1882, Miss Handry was sent out to take charge, and provision made for the maintenance of eight children. It is now entirely under our own control, and a new building, capable of accommodating fifty girls, has been erected. The Home at Chilliwhack has been in operation for over two years, but unfortunately the building was destroyed by fire last December. The work is being carried on at present in the Mission house, pending the decision of the Executive in regard to a new building.

Needs of the Work.—(See article Indian Institutes, September Outlook, 1891).

Our responsibility.—Joseph Cook says: "Let us not depend upon the politicians to reform the Indians; we cannot even depend upon Government schools to solve the problem. The root of the hope is in the self-sacrifice of the Christian Church."

References.—Annual Report; "The Indians—Their Manners and Customs," by Dr. McLean; LEAFLET; Metlakahtla; Mission Band Programme; Our Indians.

Dr. Bolton's medical work on the Pacific Coast. Mark i. 30-34; Luke iv. 40.

The importance of medical missions in relation to the work of Christian civilization cannot be over-estimated. As of old, the sick, the palsied, the lame and the blind, were brought to the Great Physician, and by the healing of the body the greater gift of health for the soul was accepted, so among these poor, suffering people, there are many whose souls may be reached through the ministry of the gift of healing. This medical work on the Pacific Coast was begun by Dr. Bolton nearly three years ago. He went out depending only upon God for the supply of his needs in carrying on the work. This year the General Society places Dr. Bolton on its list of missionaries. Both Dominion and Provincial Governments have given a grant towards the establishing of an hospital at Port Simpson, to be under the charge of Dr. Bolton, and our Woman's Missionary Society has appropriated \$400 for a trained nurse to assist in this hospital work. (See letter of Dr. Bolton in October Outlook.)