

their places, and we were in consequence delivered from the uneasy suspicion of attempting to gull the public. Our thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly played and sang for us. This concert, together with the two preceding entertainments, realised a sum of about \$235 net, towards the supplying of some of our needs.

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The annual meeting of the Cathedral Association for the promotion of Diocesan Missions, was held in the schools on Wednesday, January 27th, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers, the Bishop made a very interesting statement as to the work that is now being done, and the numbers of the workers, compared with the work and workers of some years ago. The Bishop sought to impress upon the meeting, the duty of going back as it were to Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world." With this command upon us, we shall be doubly culpable, if we neglect our own at home. The Diocese of Columbia extends from the Straits of Fuca to the 57th parallel, including all the islands between Vancouver Island (itself 300 miles in length, and of varying breadth) and the mainland. Many of these smaller islands are of considerable size; Salt Spring, for instance, being thirty miles long. On many of these and in various parts of Vancouver Island, in addition to the towns and considerable villages, there are settlers to be looked after. This is the work of the Diocese; to increase, to develop those efforts which have been made, and to show a greater concern for the work of the Church of God. In the year 1879, the one Diocese was divided into three. In that year there were 15 clergy for the three Dioceses, now there are 50. In 1880, our Diocese had 9 clergy, now they number 24. In 1891, eight new missions were opened, 9 new churches built, two Indian schools (Victoria and Nanaimo) were at work, and one Chinese Mission (Victoria) under the charge of the Reverend E. T. Lipscomb, has been inaugurated. Church of England services were being held both at the Jubilee Hospital and the Gaol, and both of these were visited by the clergy. For one Priest in days gone by, at Nanaimo, there are now five. In the past year \$5000 had been added to the Clergy Endowment Fund. But the Diocese has many wants still unsatisfied: Funds for church buildings; ten parsonages; stipends for missionary clergy; further help towards work amongst the Indians and Chinese; support for the Gaol and Hospital Chaplains; and a naphtha pinnace (for which a lady in England is working) for passage between the islands; all these are objects that deserve the attention and gifts of the faithful. In reviewing the past, and regarding the present, there is no cause for over anxiety in the future, if only each one will do his best to extend the work, in the way in which God makes clear to him; for our past experiences make