

# APPEAL

FOR THE

## DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE COLUMBIA MISSION FUND was established in 1859, to aid the Church of England in the new Colony of British Columbia, the area of which equals that of France and England, in the Maintenance of Clergy, Catechists, and Teachers amongst both the European and Indian population ; also in erection of Churches, Schools, Parsonages, and Mission Buildings.

Assistance at this time is earnestly sought in consequence of the following circumstances, viz. :—

*Several New Missions* of peculiar interest have been recently, and almost of necessity, undertaken : such as the Rev. J. B. Good's removal to the *Thompson River Indians*, who urgently pressed him to come, and of whom 1,000 have placed themselves under instruction ; the new Mission to the *Tahk-ah Tribes* who inhabit 20 villages along 200 miles of the Pacific Coast ; permanent residence of a *Missionary at Cariboo*, the chief mining district of the Colony, &c.

*Falling off in Subscriptions* has taken place at home through death of friends, expiration of limited time of subscriptions, and other causes.

*A Commercial Crisis*, lasting four years, has greatly reduced resources in the Colony, and in spite of all efforts has placed the Mission in debt.

*Reduction in the Grant* of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel 30 per cent. has rendered it impossible for the Clergy, already poorly paid, to exist upon the reduced incomes.

*Urgent Call for extension* of the work exists especially amongst the Natives of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers, in Queen Charlotte's Islands, and elsewhere, which if unheeded now must result in ground being lost, and openings neglected never afterwards to be regained.

There will be absolute necessity for giving up important work which God is blessing, and reducing the number of Clergy, if this appeal does not succeed.

Thus far the work has prospered, and the Church of Christ is being steadily planted in that new land ; for in Ten years, instead of one