

Missions could hear the expressions of gratitude of some of those poor creatures for sending them the Gospel, it would awaken within them an increased zeal and earnestness in this great work.

The women are making great improvements in housekeeping and all domestic industries. Several of them have sewing-machines and work them successfully; some have learned the dress-making, and others make men's garments. They keep their houses neat and clean. A Lodge of Good Templars has been organized during the year which is well attended. We have held one social, and I expect to hold another in two weeks. The singing, recitations, and readings are given by the Indians. All these things tend to develop them in civilization and refinement.

WM. POLLARD.

CHINESE MISSION.—There are not fewer than two thousand Chinamen in British Columbia, and a large number of these reside in and around Victoria, and yet, in our present circumstances, they seem to be inaccessible to us. We could do but little by visiting them at their places of employment. This is sometimes offensive to their employers. The only way in which we can reach them religiously is through a Mission-school. They are very desirous to learn the English language and by using religious text books, especially the Bible in the school, they are taught religion and the language at the same time.

When the Sanford Mission-school was closed, twenty were reading in the Bible-class and fifteen were committing Scripture to memory. Had the school been continued it is more than probable that before this time there would have been a flourishing Chinese Church in the city. Many of them are anxious to have the school re-opened. We hope that the Committee will see its way clear to re-commence the Chinese work.

WM. POLLARD.

NANAIMO.

The oversight of this part of our work has not only been one of anxiety, but also of spiritual profit and satisfaction. The people were much pleased when they were led to hope, last fall, that a teacher would be sent to instruct the children, but were much disappointed when they became aware that the engagement with the teacher had been cancelled. It has not been easy to remove from their minds the dissatisfaction which the disappointment occasioned. Our congregations during the year would have been larger, as also the attendance upon class and prayer-meeting, but for the extent to which their time of residence is divided between what is known as the Camp and Nanaimo River Reserve.

It would be a great advantage to this part of our work could we have a visit, say twice a year, from some white missionary who understands the language, and who could, on the occasion of his visits, spend a few weeks among them. Eight have been received during the year. Present membership, 43.

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