



PART OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

olent club, than to a place of worship. As we passed along the street we noticed a native jeweller repairing an opium pipe, and we could not help thinking that the nation which gave these people the curse of opium, should, more than any other, give to them the blessing of the Gospel.

Bishop Hills told us how very anxious he was to begin work among these people, but was powerless to do so for want of funds. He stated that at least \$1,200 annually would be required for a permanent Mission, and said that if he could be assured of \$800 annually from Eastern Canada (from which as yet he had never received any help), he would begin at once, as he could raise the rest of the funds required. He would then send to China for a native clergyman, who would not only understand the language, but also the peculiar prejudices and modes of thought of his fellow-countrymen. With him would be associated, of course, other helpers, for one of the greatest attractions which can be offered to the Chinese is that of learning to speak and write English, so that night schools for that purpose would be essential. The only effort to christianize the Chinese in Victoria is a small Mission established by the Methodists. I am thankful to say, however, that at the last meeting of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions the sum of \$500 was voted towards a Mission to the Chinese in Victoria, and let us hope and pray that the work once begun may,

under God, be the means of turning many souls from darkness to the Light.

Besides the white settlers and the Chinese, another race of people in this Diocese claims the attention of the Church, namely, the Indians. So different are they, however, from the Indians east of the Rockies that one almost hesitates to call them by the same name. In appearance they are much more like Japanese, a likeness they have perceived themselves, for on one occasion when a Japanese ship was in, and some Indians saw the Japs for the first time, they said, "What for those Indians dress up like that?" Now, for many years the Church of Rome has laboured unceasingly among these people, with the result that large numbers have joined that communion. Still there are yet many pagans to whom the Church is morally bound to minister, but from lack of funds no fresh work can be undertaken, and others, not of our fold, must and will do the work instead of us. The Church Missionary Society has one missionary to the Indians in this Diocese, Rev. Alfred Hall, at Alert Bay, but as that Society has begun to withdraw the grants made to British North America, no further help can be looked for from that quarter.

The three Dioceses in British Columbia have not been as yet organized into an ecclesiastical province, although a conference having that object in view was held in Victoria in April, 1888, when the Bishops and delegates from the