

encouraging manner. A great persecutor has been converted. Some new converts started a laundry, and would not allow work to be done on Sunday. They not only refuse to sell or buy anything that will injure their fellows, but they have resolved to devote one-tenth of their profits to religious objects. There needs to be some alteration in the civil laws respecting the importation of Chinese girls for immoral purposes.

A neat Chinese church, with a house for the missionary, reading room, etc., has just been dedicated in New Westminster. It is hoped that a Chinese Mission will soon be started at Nanaimo, where a considerable number of Chinese work in the coal-mines. The Woman's Missionary Society, and the General Missionary Society, have united to provide a larger and better building for the Indian Institute at Chilliwack, where about seventy-five acres of land have been secured.

An Institute under the Woman's Missionary Society has also been built at Port Simpson, where some fifty Indian girls will soon be in training.

A government institute for Indians, in course of erection at Red Deer, Alberta, and tenders have been asked for another larger one at Brandon.

The mortality among ministers and their families this year has been unusually great. There has also been much sickness. In view of these facts the Contingent Fund Committee will need a large amount of money for sickness and death.

Openings for new missions are springing up in Japan. In one district, visited for the first time two years ago, there are now ten men, Japanese and foreigners, at work, while the Woman's Missionary Society have one lady in the field and two others under appointment. There are regions peopled by hundreds of thousands who are appealing for help.

ITEMS.

The Gospel in All Lands says: "The Moravian Church in Paramar-

ibo, Surinam, has 3,475 communicants. The service is held in a very large church-building, and is conducted in Negro-English, the mother-tongue of the great majority of the members.

A gentleman in India says that the increase of the population in that country during the last decade was 10.7 per cent., of the Hindoo population 10.49, and of the Mussulman population 14.44. The increase in the Christian population has been 22.6 per cent., more than twice as great as the general increase.

Dr. Mackay writes from Formosa, that there has been an extraordinary turning from idols at Kalevan. Nearly 500 idolators cleaned their houses of idols in his presence, and they also gave the missionary a temple built for idols, as a place of worship.

The Samoan group of islands has a Christian population of 30,000. In the largest of the islands there are not fifty families who fail to observe family worship. Last year, besides supporting the Gospel at home, they sent a thank-offering, as their custom is, of \$9,000 to the parent Missionary Society in London.

In former times in Japan, there was scarcely one of the 72,000 temples, that had not some rich patron. But times have changed. Now the annual grants to all the shrines in the empire do not amount to \$150.

The following item reveals a strange state of things: "The bill introduced to the House of Lords by the Archbishop of Canterbury, enabling English Church courts to dismiss from their livings clergymen who are convicted of drunkenness, felony, and other immoralities, has passed the second reading."

A wonderful mission has been held at Leeds, England, in which five Bishops and eighty special preachers took part. Two of the Bishops made daily visits to the great workshops and manufactories of the town.

THE DEATH ROLL.

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