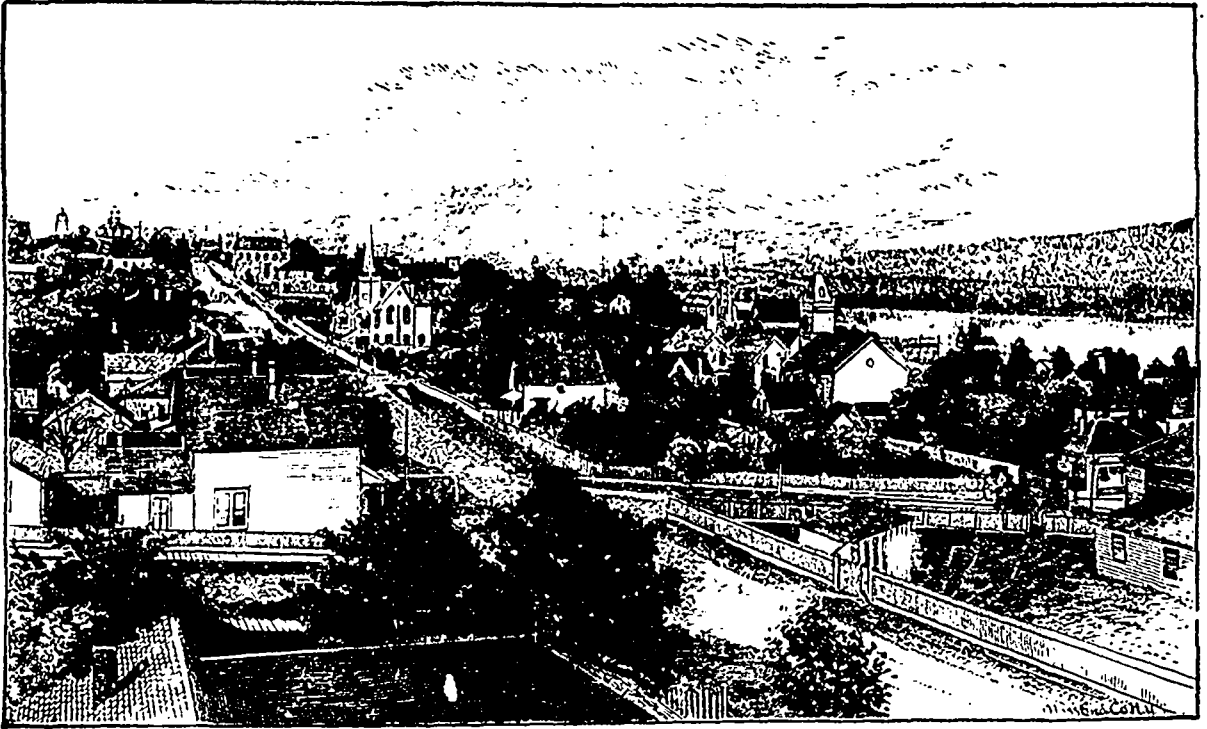




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country do not do so with the intention of remaining here, but after a few years expect to return to China, when their places here will be filled by others. Could these people then be christianized while they are here, they would go back to their own people, as so many missionaries. That the Church people in this diocese are willing to help themselves financially is seen from the fact that counting every man, woman and child, Indian and white, the percentage of their offerings is over \$2 a head! But, alas, they are so few in number and so widely scattered. All outside assistance has come from English friends and from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church in eastern Canada having given nothing to the needs in this diocese, with the exception of two donations, one from the boys at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and one from St. Matthew's, Quebec. That the true missionary spirit is awake in the diocese is evident from the fact that not only has the Bishop spared three of his best clergymen for work in the Master's service in foreign fields, but also that out of their poverty the people gave one year \$86 to the still poorer Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

In speaking of the Parish of New Westminster in his last annual report, the Bishop says, "One item in the returns from this parish affords me the keenest satisfaction, viz., the amount contributed to Foreign Mission work, which is almost equal to one-half of the whole sum con-

tributed in the diocese. So long as this most favourable symptom of hearty religious life is found amongst us, I can lightly disregard a multitude of other deficiencies; a parish that is ready to supply the wants of others need have no anxiety about its own." In speaking of the need of parsonages the Bishop said that three of his clergy were obliged to sleep in the vestries of their churches, and remarked that "it would take a great deal of devotion to keep a man cheerful under such circumstances." Of the unselfish hard work and devotion of all his clergy the Bishop could not speak too highly, and in the case of two of them—Rev. Mr. Small, of Lytton, and Rev. Mr. Shildrick, of Kamloops—we had evidence in our brief visits to their Missions. Mr. Small has lately gone out to labour in Corea, and will be doubtless of great assistance to Bishop Corfe in the difficult and dangerous pioneer work he has undertaken.

While in Vancouver we had the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. A-Hok, a Chinese lady who was on her way from England,* where she had gone to plead for women who would go out to tell the glad tidings to her heathen sisters shut up in their zenanas, and who, unless women go to them, can never hear the Gospel. At Kamloops also I had the privilege of meeting the

* See CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS for March, 1891, page 64.