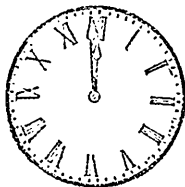


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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

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Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—PSALM II. 8.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: February—Columbia, B.C., China. March—Athabasca, Africa.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

This Diocese was formed in 1859, and then comprised the present ones of Caledonia and New Westminster, both of which were set apart from it in 1879. In the year 1858 there was but one clergyman in the whole district, while now there are three Bishops, and over 40 clergymen. In Columbia proper, which consists of the Island of Vancouver and adjacent islands, we find 22 clergy and 31 parishes and Mission Stations. In Victoria, the Capital, three parishes are self-supporting, as is also that of Nanaimo, where the coal mines are the chief industry. Help is needed for the support of thirteen Missionary clergy; eleven more Churches are required. Then we have the Chinese question calling for our urgent prayers and offerings. Jim Lee, the Catechist who did such good work in Victoria, has been obliged to return to China owing to lack of funds to keep open the Mission, but is anxious to return to the blessed work in Canada of leading his fellow-countrymen to Christ. Let us make it a very definite matter of prayer this month that God will open the way for him to do so, and that He will bless the W.A. by using us as his instruments for re-establishing the Mission in Victoria. Great as our responsibilities are with regard to the Chinese and other heathen in their own distant lands, surely they must be far greater towards those God has sent over to our midst, and put, as it were, into our very hands to win for Him. Not only from Columbia, but also New Westminster comes the cry for help. In the latter Diocese there are about 6,000 Chinese, and the funds of the Mission are in so low a condition that unless prompt help is sent, Ten Yung, the Catechist there, cannot be retained. Surely we Canadians so blessed of God in innumerable ways, will not turn a deaf ear to Him when He says so plainly "Feed My Sheep."