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In British Columbia, much to the satisfaction of the people it is said, the Chinese population has been diminished by several thousands, during the past two years. The explanation is owing to the completion of several

success of which, however, that conservative country will be indebted to outside capital and energy. One of these is the insulation of the Crimean peninsula by a canal which is to unite the Azof Sea and the basin of the Don with the basin of the Dnieper and the northern waters of the Black Sea. A French company and French capital are understood to control this project, which, of course, has the sanction of the Russian government, will be about seventy-five miles long, cost from twenty to fifty millions of dollars, and take four years to complete. M. Epsin, the superintending engineer of the Suez Canal, it is said, will be in charge of the work. The defensive advantages to Russia in case of war of this new cut, as well as its commercial advantages, will be great. The second enterprise is an attempt to establish a water route from western Europe to

land two of her crew with the object of starting a Christian mission among the Esquimaux in the British territory on the west of Davis Straits, in connection with the British Christian Polar Mission, formed in Dundee in November last.

—Senator Stanford, describing his plans for his California University wished the students to realize the evils of intemperance. He believed there were more men in California selling liquor than tilling the land, the loss to the State being equal to twenty-five per cent. of the power of production. If this continue California will cease to have El Dorado.

Hereafter, the Dutch Reformed churches will receive "offerings" not "contributions" or "collections." The General Synod recommends the use of the word "offerings," as indicating a higher conception of the Almighty.

A drink-seller's feelings were recently sorely touched while listening to the closing exercises of one of the Boston public schools. One of the scholars recited a temperance poem which described the woes of the drunkard's wife and referred in not very flattering terms to the drunkard-maker. The drink-seller afterward declared that it made him "feel like a criminal." But instead of giving up his criminal business he complained to an association of drink-sellers, and the association complained to the Board of Education, and so forth, until what will come of it is not known. Probably it will be decided that school girls shall not be allowed to recite poetry that in any way would be calculated to lacerate the tender feelings of saloonkeepers. They are so sensitive.—*Chris. Standard.*