

warfare. Two others, with their families, we have just heard, have reached Columbia in safety, after a painful voyage of seven long months in the narrow cabin of a sailing ship. Some, too, like-minded, as we hope and believe, are present with us to-day: ready to go forth to the ends of the earth under the call of God; ready to obey in all things lawful the chief pastor set over them; ready to teach in the settled township, to minister to the wandering squatter, to pray with the sturdy gold-digger, to teach in the growing college, to gainsay the perverse disputant, to warn the sinner from his evil way, to guide the ignorant heathen, according as he to whom they owe obedience shall direct:—men who, whether as settled clergy or as itinerating missionaries, are ready to spend and be spent for Christ, and give up all—yea, even life itself—so that they may win souls to the glory of God!

And now, dear brethren, that I have endeavoured on this our first anniversary of the Columbian Mission to set before you some of the difficulties, the hopes, and the helps, that add weight to the anxieties, kindle the prayers, and sustain the energies, of one to whom the Church looks to do great things in her Lord's name and power, let me recall your thoughts to the subject brought before you in my text, "Occupy till I come!" These words I verily believe may be fairly accepted by the Church as a divine commission in respect to Columbia; but in treating of them hitherto we