

and, if properly protected by their Government against the poison-venders of this island, will in time become a numerous and wealthy people."

CHAPTER XVIII.

CLOSE OF THE REVIEW.

Visit of the Governor—Report of Dean Cridge—Present State of the Settlement—Visit to England of Mr. Duncan.

WE have now come to the end of the period which we undertook to review. It was in September 1857 that Mr. Duncan had left Victoria for Fort Simpson; and now, on September 20, 1867, we find him giving the following report to the Home Committee:—

"I have still the pleasing and encouraging announcement to make, that the good hand of our God is upon us. His blessed work in this land is still growing both in strength and extent. The days of our trembling weakness are past: the sapling has become a tree, an offshoot of which is already bearing fruit. To God be all the praise and glory! Amen.

"In the last week of January a deputation of the Indians waited upon me, praying that I would procure a saw-mill for the village, as our present pit-saws did not produce sufficient material to meet our necessities for building. I needed, of course, little urging in the direction they pointed; and so, having several other pressing reasons for my paying a visit to Victoria, and a favourable opportunity being afforded for my quickly performing the trip, I suddenly resolved to go. Mr. Doolan willingly undertook the charge of every thing during my absence. I spent about three weeks in Victoria, and finished all my business. On the 10th of March I arrived back at Metlabkatlah, bringing with me 700 copies of our first tract printed in the Tsimsheean tongue. Many of the Indians can already read it, and are greatly delighted with it. The cost of printing it was only twelve dollars,