

in its early day with the precious seed of the Gospel, and that the foundation of Christ's Church should be soundly laid.

Ere long this Western Province will be intimately connected with the intermediate and Atlantic colonies in one great British confederacy.

Already is telegraphic communication established with the Atlantic. The first message through to New Westminster by the wire of 3,000 miles told British Columbians of the murder of President Lincoln.

Greatly as such a deed must be reprobated, it did not fail to make each British colonist thankful for the order, security, peace, and contentment of the British Empire. Those, who know by experience of other lands how great is the contrast, cannot too often repeat the statement, that England owes largely the stability and freedom of the country to her sound Christianity and her Church.

To reproduce the blessings she enjoys in an important province of the empire is a work worthy the support of the Christian and the patriot.

Let us of the mother-land not refuse our offerings and our prayers to sustain the holy enterprise of the Bishop, clergy and faithful of the Church in British Columbia and Vancouver.

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE BISHOP OF COLUMBIA'S JOURNAL.

VOYAGE FROM SOUTHAMPTON TO VICTORIA.

January 17, 1865.—We sailed from Southampton about two, several kind friends having come to bid us farewell. The splendid steam-ship *Shannon* was to be our home for a fortnight.

January 19, 20, 21.—Severe gale and heavy sea. The ocean waves mountains high. Most people sick.

Sunday, January 22.—Performed service. Could not have a second owing to the increasing gale. Ship obliged to slacken speed.

Sunday, January 29.—Weather now warm. Thermometer 75°. A good attendance at both services.

Monday, January 30.—Entered the tropics. Our rate of speed about 300 miles a day.

THE DANISH ISLAND OF ST. THOMAS.

February 2.—We arrived off St. Thomas over night, and at daylight steamed into the bay. The morning was cool and bright, and the gay