

out for their long and wearisome journey across the American continent, reaching Walla Walla on the 5th of September, 1847. Other Fathers and Brothers followed them at short intervals. Several missions, in what is now the State of Washington, date from this period. The mission of Yakima was founded in October, 1847; that of Olympia in May, 1848. In March, 1852, a mission was also established among the Cayouses, and later, in September, 1858, one among the Snohomish tribe, at a place where Tulalip now stands.

The work of the Oblate Fathers on Puget Sound was a difficult but very successful one. It was, in the strictest sense of the word, a pioneer undertaking among roaming native tribes, whose survivors cherish to this day the memory of the old missionaries who have long since gone to their reward. It may be said here in passing, that it was Father Casimir Chirouse, O. M. I., who assisted old Chief Seattle in his dying moments, and afterward conducted the funeral service of the church over his remains. The Metropolis of Washington will forever perpetuate the name of the old chief.

When, in 1857, the Oblates were called to British Columbia, the headquarters for their missions were transferred from Olympia to Esquimalt, near Victoria, on Vancouver Island, and as opportunity allowed, the Fathers gradually withdrew from their missions on the Sound and began to labor with undiminished zeal in the diocese of Bishop Modeste Demers, titular of Vancouver Island. His diocese then comprised the whole of what is known as British Columbia.

From Esquimalt as a centre, Rev. Father d'Herbomez, afterwards Bishop d'Herbomez, directed the various missions and supplied both the mainland and the island with