

localities, which is most important in the early stage of planting and fostering the institutions of Christianity, besides other circumstances, has made it seem desirable that no time shall be lost in making the two important towns of Victoria and New Westminster respectively the seats of a full organization of the Church. I trust this division may shortly be effected, and look with interest to the increased life and work with which such a measure has hitherto been everywhere blessed.

"Let me conclude by hoping for the continued co-operation of your prayers that God will be graciously pleased to bless and guide all our plans and endeavours for the benefit of His Church and of the souls of men."

ADDRESS FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.

From the Clergy and Church Committees of Holy Trinity and Sapperton Churches :—

"MY LORD,—We, the undersigned, the Clergy and Church Committees of New Westminster and Sapperton, hail with gladness your Lordship's return to the diocese, and bless God that He has so mercifully carried you in safety over wide waters, and through vast labours.

"We know how untiring have been your exertions at home to further the interests of the Church in these far-off lands, and our joy at meeting you again is increased by the cheering intelligence that your efforts have been attended by success. Accept our heartiest welcome and our grateful thanks.

"That God may long spare you to labour amongst us, and that under your pastoral care the pure doctrine and primitive discipline of our Church may be more and more fixed in the hearts of those who make these colonies their home, is the prayer of, my Lord, your faithful servants in Christ,

"H. P. Wright, Archdeacon of Columbia ; Henry Reeve, Clerk ; Percival Jenns, Clerk ; H. P. P. Crease, Charles Good, W. J. Armstrong, R. Dickinson, F. G. Claudet, W. H. McCrea, Arthur T. Bushby, Henry Holbrook, Robert Ker, Thomas R. Holmes, A. R. Howse, R. Wolfenden, John Jane, John Murray, Thomas Lomax.

"New Westminster, March 31st, 1865."

The Bishop replied as follows :—

"Mr. Archdeacon, Rev. Brethren, and Gentlemen,—I sincerely thank you for your kind congratulations and welcome on my return from England.

"If I have gone through some labour there in behalf of this branch of the Church of our fathers, it is a satisfaction to know that you have approved and appreciated my efforts.

"In New Westminster has ever been exhibited much proof of personal interest in the progress of our religion. Your city has been a pattern for zeal, energy, and liberality.

"But a brief season since your parish church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, standing then at the edge of the forest, on