

me, with an air of holy triumph: 'My Father, come quickly; Peter is dying, and he wishes to make his confession. He is moved to tears, and repents bitterly of all his wicked deeds.' I set out immediately to visit the dying man. Having reached his bedside, I found he had forgotten all his prayers except the 'Hail Mary,' which he recited every day. He made his confession with great compunction. Having prepared him for death, I withdrew. When I came to visit him the next day, I found him dead, and Leo kneeling at his side, reciting the Rosary for the repose of his soul."

(Sketches of the life of Mgr. de Mazenod and of the labors of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, by Father Cooke, O. M. I., Vol. II.)

No sketch of the labors of the Oblates among the British Columbia Indians can be written without a grateful reference to him who, under God, was mainly instrumental in the wonderful results accomplished, viz., the Rt. Rev. Paul Durieu, O. M. I., Bishop of New Westminster. His clear insight into the character of the Indians led him to elaborate his famous system of dealing with them. The Indians on this continent have their own ways of thinking and of judging, entirely different from ours. To try to win their hearts to Christianity, and render them capable of understanding and fulfilling their moral obligations by the ordinary methods of parochial direction, would inevitably spell disaster. The Indian has very little control over his passions, and consequently must be handled with firmness and prudence, and the missionary must aim above the mark in order to reach it at all.

Upon this knowledge of the Indian's character, Bishop Durieu based his missionary