

April, in lower Oregon on the last of August, together with the letters your Reverences had the goodness to write to F.F. Acolti, Nobili, &c., from the gentleman to whom you had entrusted them, and who is now at the Falls of the Willamette, alias Oregon City; so that we had the pleasure of hearing from your Reverence and our bretheren of Missouri, in less than five months after the date of your favor. Your Reverence will observe that your letter did not find me among my dear mountain Indians, as you seemed to suppose it would, but in the heart of an American settlement. And what, you may ask me, were my occupations among these good people. Scarcely any; though I think that if there they had but one zealous Missionary, well acquainted with the English language, such as your Reverence F.F. Verhaegen, Elet, Carrell, and Aellen, he would do wonders in this new country.—Your Reverence knows that I am a very indifferent speaker, and yet, they came and listened to me with the greatest attention, and seemed to be pleased with the ill-spoken instructions which I gave them. Do, dear Father, send us two or three good Missionaries, filled with the spirit of our holy Institute, well versed in controversy and in the English language, and regardless of the difficulties, dangers and contradictions which now and then they will have to encounter—regardless also of fever and rheumatism; and above all indifferent to sun-shine or rain—for in Lower Oregon we may say, that it rains but once a year,—from the end of Octr. till the beginning of May.

I have reason to believe, Very Revd. and dear Father, that a brief sketch of the present state of the rising Church in Oregon, will prove acceptable to your Reverence. There are now the following establishments:

1. The Cathedral of St. Paul at Willamette or Oregon City.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist in Willamette.

3. St Francis Xavier, at Cowlitz.

4. The Chapel of St James at Fort Vancouver.

5. The Vew Church of the Willamette prairie.

6. The Catholic school of St Joseph, at Willamette, (Oregon City.)

7. The Chapet, Convent, and Female Academy of St Mary's Willamette.

8. The Residence of St Francis Xavier. Willamette.

9. The Residence and church of St Mary's among the Flat-heads.

10. The Mission and Church of the sacred-heart, among the Pointed-hearts.

11. The Mission and Church of St Ignatius among the Kalispels of the Lake.

12. The Station and Chapel among the *Chaudieres*.

13. The Station and Church of St Francis Regis, among the half-breeds, between the Kalispels and *Claudieres*.

14. A Church built by the Indians at Studart's lake, New Caledonia.

15. A Church built by them at Fort Alexandria, New Caledonia.

16. A Church built by them at Appotaka, New Caledonia.

17. A Church built by them at the Rapids New Caledonia.

18. The Station of St. Peters, upper lake of the Columbia.

19. The Station of St Francis Borgia among the upper *Pends d'oisilles*.

20. The Station of the Assumption, among the *Acrs a Plattes*.

21. The Station of the immaculate Heart of Mary, among the Kontenais.

22. The Station of St Joseph's, among the Okinghams.

This is the result of what Almighty God has already done, (and is still doing) in this distant corner of the world, since the year 1838 when the first Missionaries, the present Bishop and Rev Mr. De Meis, first arrived in Oregon. There is not the least doubt that if we had a greater number of Apostolic laborers, men endowed with humble and docile minds, with disinterested and prudent zeal, with sound judgement and robust health, and exemplary piety, incalculable good could and would be done among the settlers, but more especially among the native tribes.

DEDICATION OF ST. ALPHONSUS' CHURCH.

On Thursday, Nov. 25th, the Right Rev. Bishop Hughes dedicated the new church in Thompson street, whose corner-stone was laid by the Bishop no longer ago than the festival of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, September 8th. In this Church, however, the speed of its erection is not its most remarkable feature. The building is 85 feet long by 26 wide, measuring from the top of the Sanctuary.

At ten o'clock the Bishop, accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Tyler, Bishop of Providence, reached Thompson street, and was saluted by the societies with their music, and conducted to the Sacristy by the Rev. Fathers Redemptorists. The ceremony of the dedication then proceeded, and before the Mass, the Bishop made a short address to the assembly, in which he alluded to the rapidity of the erection of this Church, as a type of the progress that the Faith was making, and was destined to make in this land, where it was to be the basis of every further advancement of man's improvement and civilization, as it had been in for-