

are to be extended and established amongst us, it can only be accomplished by the hearty co-operation, in prayer, and labour, and offerings, of the members of the Church themselves, the clergy and laity of this diocese,

"Praying that your Lordship may long be spared to exercise your apostolic office of our chief pastor, and that in addition to all other happiness, whether personal or domestic, the Lord may grant you the still greater happiness of seeing your work prospering to the honour and glory of God, and the spread of true religion and virtue in this land.

"We have the honour to be, my Lord, your most obedient and faithful servants,

"Samuel Gilson, M.A. Archdeacon of Vancouver; Alex. C. Garrett, B.A. Principal of the Indian Mission, Victoria; William S. Reece, Vice-Principal of the Collegiate School; Edward Cridge, B.A. Rector of Christ Church; Charles T. Woods, M.A. Principal of the Collegiate School; Robert J. Dundas, Chaplain; A. F. Pemberton, C.W. Christ Church; K. Shepherd, C.W. Christ Church; J. J. Cochrane, E. G. Alston, Dr. Davie, T. L. Fawcett, W. J. McDonald, J. F. McCreight, J. Lester, H. Wooton, W. C. Siffken, J. Nagle, Wm. B. Smith, W. B. Naylor, C.W.; R. Thomson, C.W.; A. R. Green, Richard Woods, W. Sebright Green, M. W. T. Drake, Walter Edwards, R. Homfray, C.W.; R. Harvey, Alfred Thomas Elliott, David A. Edgar, J. Work, W. T. Moorhead."

After graciously receiving the document, his Lordship replied to the following effect:—

"Mr. Archdeacon, Rev. Brethren, and Gentlemen,—For your cordial welcome and expressions of thankfulness for my health and safety, I heartily thank you. You well know how necessary it is for an infant Church, in a new colony, where population is unsettled and fluctuating, to have external aid for a time. More particularly must we, being free from all State connexion, and recipients of no grant from the public treasury, look awhile to the sympathies of the Church at home.

"I am glad to tell you there are many hearts and hands in Christian England enlisted to aid in planting this branch of the Church of our fathers in this western British province.

"You only do justice to those friends, to yourselves, and to me, by the expression of your conviction that the satisfactory establishment and extension of the Church can only be accomplished by the hearty co-operation, in prayer, and labour, and offerings, of the clergy and laity of the colonies themselves.

"I should have entered with a very faint heart upon the arduous labour which has incessantly occupied me in England, were I not supported by the certain knowledge, not of your good wishes only, but of the zeal and energy with which you were prepared to make sacrifice for the work of God amongst you.

"I am glad you approve of the steps which have been taken towards a division of the diocese. The vast extent of the present diocese rendering it physically impossible to give that attention to all