

## COLUMBIA BAR.

*March 8.*—We left Portland at eight. Grounded twice on the shoals of the Columbia, and remained fixed on one the whole night. Next day, March 9, crossed the dreaded bar. My wife and myself were on the hurricane deck. There was not a breaker upon the bar, which is about half a mile wide, with three and a half fathoms water. South-west is the worst wind. Captain Corner recently remained outside five days tossed in a tumultuous sea unable to cross. A ship was wrecked here a few days after. Ships entering pay higher insurance.

## ARRIVAL AT VICTORIA.

*Friday, March 10.*—We arrived at Esquimalt Harbour about ten, and were gladdened by the sight of British men-of-war. Friends were soon on board to greet us, and we were ere long on the road to Victoria, thankful for having been thus permitted by a merciful God to conclude our voyage in safety and in health.

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**ADDRESSES TO THE BISHOP OF COLUMBIA  
ON HIS RETURN TO THE DIOCESE.**

## ADDRESS FROM VICTORIA.

Presented March 13, 1865, by the Clergy of the City, and the Joint-Committees of Christ Church and St. John's:—

“MY LORD,—We gladly embrace the earliest opportunity of welcoming your Lordship on your arrival in your diocese. We would unite with you in heartily thanking our Heavenly Father for having safely kept you during your lengthened visit to your native land, as well as during your voyage of return to the field of your labours. We earnestly trust that the important objects which required your Lordship’s visit to England, and your prolonged stay there, have been successfully accomplished. We are confident that you have spared neither thought nor labour for the attainment of this end, and that nothing but your sense of the necessity for aiding all in your power towards securing the present and permanent welfare of the Church of Christ in this distant part of the British Empire, has detained your Lordship so long from your diocese and your home. We rejoice in knowing that you have succeeded in carrying through the preliminary measures for the division of your diocese. We are aware that it was an object which your Lordship had much at heart, and we are persuaded that its accomplishment will not only relieve you from a portion of your labours in a diocese so territorially extensive, but also, under the Divine blessing, further the work of the Gospel, both among the colonists and the native inhabitants of the land.

“But while expressing our hopes and our congratulations respecting the results of your Lordship’s efforts for the strengthening of the Church in these colonies, yet we would at the same time express our conviction that if the benign influence and usefulness of that Church