

acts of charity as any other age. He, whose dying speech was *non recuso laborem*, must have impressed his institutions deeply with the spirit of Missions.

And, if, as the old books tell us, Martin's foundation near Tours drew into it many youths and mature men of noble birth, who went forth from it again as bishops, it cannot be wrong to call Marmoutier the first great Missionary centre of Western, as Lerins was of Southern, Gaul.

## STATEMENT OF CHURCH WANTS

AND APPEAL FOR HELP, FROM THE ARCHDEACONRY OF COLUMBIA.



**H**AVE a firm conviction, that there are to be found in England both men and means for the carrying out of any work, which commends itself to the judgment, and commands the approval, of those, who may be able to aid in its accomplishment.

Convinced that this is true of *any* enterprise, I believe it to be pre-eminently true of Church work, whether at home or abroad. But, altogether apart from such conviction, I cannot refrain from seeking to make known the wants, the *urgent* wants, of the portion of the Holy Catholic Church, in which I labour.

The Diocese of British Columbia is divided into two Archdeaconries, one comprising the island of Vancouver, the other the whole of the mainland. To this latter, the Archdeaconry of Columbia, my own immediate charge, I will limit my present remarks.

Throughout the whole of that vast area, there are but three priests and two deacons; and, of these, one priest and both the deacons are missionaries to the heathen. Though they minister to the Christian population, to the utmost of their ability, their ministry amongst them must be from the nature of things inefficient. So that, practically, we can only point to two priests, living at a distance one from the other of nearly 500 miles, to minister here to the "Members of CHRIST." Surely, if of any portion of the Church of Christ it may be said, "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few," it should be emphatically said of the Archdeaconry of Columbia.

Seeing, then, how few are the labourers, I will now show how overwhelmingly great is the harvest field in which they work. On the Fraser River are the four towns of New Westminster, Hope, Yale, and Lytton. In the town of New Westminster, the Archdeacon of Columbia is placed. One of the deacons resides at Yale. The priest, whose special Mission is to the native tribes in and about Lytton, Thomson River, and Nicoman, lives at Lytton, 130 miles from New Westminster. While the third priest is stationed in the mining regions of Cariboo. The second