

tion hall at Lumières. A much higher and nobler mission is now awaiting you..." Then the venerable prelate goes on to announce to him that he is appointed to go and found missions in the extreme North-west of North America.

At the receipt of that letter, Father Ricard went at once to the crypt of the sanctuary of Notre Dame de Lumières, to offer up to God the sacrifice of his life; then bidding adieu to all around him, he started for Marseilles, to receive the instructions of his first Superior, Mounseigneur De Mazenod.

It was, indeed, by the ordinance of Divine Providence that these missions were thus and then commenced. The members of the O. M. I. were so few in numbers at that time, that the beloved founder was twice obliged to refuse the request for missionaries of Monseigneur Blanchet, first Archbishop of Oregon. At last the entreaties of the Bishop of Walla Walla, brother of the Archbishop of Oregon, who had already succeeded in obtaining three Oblats from Reverend Father Guigues, Superior of the O. M. I. in eastern Canada, (and since first Bishop of Ottawa,) were successful, and the saintly founder determined to send a few missionaries, under the direction of Rev. Father Ricard. The Reverend Fathers Chirouse, senior, Pandosy and Blanchet, and Brother Verner were the companions of Rev. Father Ricard.

Rev. Father Ricard was afterwards recalled back to France and died in the same house of Notre Dame de Lu-

mières, where he had received his mission.

This first party of Missionaries travelled by sail boat from France to New York; the passage lasted two months, then two months more to reach the Mississippi River, and still another month to cross the plains with a caravan of ox teams completed their voyage of five months to their destination in Oregon.

Three years after, in 1850, Rev. Father D'Herbomez, since first Vicar Apostolic of British Columbia, came in a sail boat by way of Cape Horn, accompanied by Brothers Janin and Surel: the passage lasted nine months.

The third arrival of Missionaries was that of Rev. Father Durieu, now Bishop of New Westminster, accompanied by Rev. Father Richard, who is at present at Mission City. They came by steamer to Panama, crossed the Isthmus, and by Steamer again to their Mission: the journey lasted only four or five months.

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Having failed to obtain perfect prints of the few pages of "The Imitation of Christ" in shorthand, we suspend the publication of other pages until we make sure that perfect prints is obtained. The most essential in those pages are the accents and the small words, such as "an," "in," "on," etc. We have made our utmost endeavours, by careful autographs, to insure the appearance of those accents and small words, but have not succeeded thus far. A