

grandeur. Its great timbers are put together in that solid, heavy fashion that recalls the days when this now peaceful settlement was ravaged by Indian wars, and stout walls were a necessity as a defence against attack.

At Sitka the American Presbyterians have a prosperous mission with a school and orphanage, established by Mrs. McFarlane, a devoted American lady, who was for some

parable to these Alaskan glaciers, where the frozen wastes rise straight from the sea, and a steamer can go up within an eighth of a mile, and cruise beside them."

Lord Dufferin has pronounced the scenery of Alaska to be the sublimest he has witnessed in all his travels. He says: "While its glaciers and mountains are five times as large as those of the Alpine regions, Alaska possesses, in addition, the changeful



A TYPICAL GLACIER.

years the only white woman in the country—a region larger than the whole of France.

At Glacier Bay, near Mount St. Elias, the grandeur culminates. Muir Glacier exposes a glittering wall of ice from five hundred to one thousand feet in height, four or five miles across the front, and extending forty miles back. From one point thirty huge glaciers may be seen.

"In all Switzerland," says Lieut. Schwatka, "there is nothing com-

beauty of the sea; while the Alpine mountains attain their grandeur slowly, rising from the level by a succession of foot-hills, these peaks of the northland rise abruptly from the sea to a snow-crowned, ice-crowned height, not surpassed by the loftiest peaks of the Alps." Alaska is *par excellence* the scenic store-ground of the world, its inlets rivalling the fjords of Norway, and its glaciers far surpassing those of Switzerland.

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In this world,—'tis the best you get at all.
—E. B. Browning.