

miles these waves roll on unimpeded till they break upon the shores of the distant Empire of Japan. Especially impressive is this at the set of sun, when the shadows of night mantle sea and land. The Rev. Dr. Sutherland beautifully describes such a scene as follows:

"A few years ago, while on a visit to our missions in British Columbia, one evening, in company with a few others, I climbed a hill whose summit commanded a view of the Pacific Ocean. Before us lay a vision that will be treasured up in memory's chambers through all the coming

sparkled like burnished jewels set in a sapphire pavement. And then as the sun sank still lower, and touched the ocean's distant rim, the glowing tints all merged into one long trail of splendour that stretched from the shore above which we stood all the way to another shore that seemed to lie just where the sun was setting, as if God's angels had bridged, with beaten gold, the surface of the gently heaving sea, making a pathway of light over which departing souls might pass to the other side. But a little longer and the golden glory softened into



SUNSET ON THE PACIFIC.

years. Behind us was the gloomy forest and the toilsome way over which we had journeyed, but before us the broad Pacific lay unrolled, so near in that transparent atmosphere that we could see the ripples on its bosom stirred by the evening breeze, and yet so far that amid the solemn stillness there came to us no sound of the wave that broke upon the distant reef. In the western sky dappled clouds were anchored in the blue, through which the rays of the setting sun streamed upon the sea in ever-varying tints of purple and gold and amethyst, till every ripple

almost silvery whiteness, which, when the sun disappeared, merged in the neutral tints of a quiet sea, leaving only a reflected splendour in the sky to tell of the brightness that had been there."

The mainland is flanked throughout nearly its entire extent by a belt of islands, of which the majority are sea-girt mountains. Most aptly has this wave-washed region been termed an archipelago of mountains and land-locked seas. In this weird region of bottomless depths there are no sand beaches or gravelly shores. All the margins of mainland and