

'dig,' in imitation of the white men, in some parts, and will eventually increase the yield of gold, as the desire for wealth grows upon them. As a proof of their aptitude and success in this, to them, new field of labour, I may mention that the Bishop of Columbia found a gang of them 'washing' on Bridge River last summer, and that he had the day's earnings of one Indian weighed when he ceased his labours, and found it to contain one ounce of gold. His Lordship purchased it of him, paying him 16 dollars 50 cents, the current issue, and carried it away as a *souvenir*."

The return of the assays of Cariboo gold, given by the same gentleman, are also of permanent interest, as showing the value of the dust. The highest assayed by Messrs. Marchand and Co., from whom the return is obtained, from Davis Creek, was 718 fine, value per ounce 18 doll. 97·64 c., or about 3*l.* 19*s.* The lowest, which came from Williams Creek, was 810 fine, value per ounce 16 doll. 74·42 c. (about 3*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*). The average value of all Cariboo dust is 854 fine, value per ounce 17 doll. 65·37 c. (3*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*).

In conclusion, I have merely to add, that I remained with the 'Hecate' at San Francisco until she was repaired, when, on the 21st October, 1861, I left that place in the United States mail steamer 'Orizaba,' and on the 27th November arrived "home."

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