

to proceed. The prayers of the congregation had already been requested for him at the cathedral. Archdeacon Mackenzie returned thanks for the Mission in that modest, humble, manly way which has already won him such hearty love in every part of the country, and established so entire a feeling of confidence in his fitness for the post. He thanked not only those present, but his friends in every county—nay, in nearly every town and village of the land, for their unwearied sympathy with his cause. He wished to leave a practical suggestion behind. Let them join a so-called "private association" which had been formed for the yearly meeting of the friends of the Mission on a particular day, and for daily prayer on its behalf. The Rev. G. Williams, of King's College, Cambridge, and Captain Burrows, of Park-town, Oxford, would supply all particulars. The Dean of Canterbury spoke most heartily in thankfulness for Canterbury having been chosen for the present meeting; a place which, he said, might claim, on many grounds, the name of a University in no unfit fellowship with those whose names were associated with the enterprise. He congratulated the meeting, also, on having at the head of their work, one who was "not only a great Bishop but a great preacher," and believed that many, in long years to come, would return their thanks to God for having permitted them to hear the sermon of that day. The Bishop of Oxford again eloquently set forth, amidst the loud cheers of the company, the peculiar importance of the work in hand, and added to his happy instance, given in the sermon, of the case of Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, that of Simon of Cyrene, not perhaps a negro, but at least an African. When such were singled out in SS. for especial honour, how could we hold back the word of life from the people of that continent? The Bishop of Chichester added a few well-chosen words of encouragement and sympathy, and the company separated, grasping the hands of the missionaries with many a hearty shake, and casting many "lingering looks behind." The members of the various committees stayed to discuss the final relations of the Mission with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and many had the further privilege of hearing the Bishop of Oxford make an address in the evening to the students of the college. The party sail from Southampton to-morrow. Not a few hearts, not a few prayers, are with them in the great and arduous undertaking.

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### THE MISSION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The following is an extract from a letter from the Bishop of Columbia, dated Victoria, Vancouver's Island, May 8, 1860 :—

3. The gold-mining district is confined to the mainland, and extends along some 400 miles from the Town of Hope, on the Lower Fraser, to the Quesnel River, a branch of the Fraser in the north.

Thousands are engaged along this line in communities of 12 to 200. The agricultural settlers at present are not numerous. I have visited some. They are destitute entirely of the means of grace. Many men