

were welcomed on the arrival of the steamer at Victoria by one of the resident Clergy of the town, and taken to the Bishop's Palace, where during our entire stay everything was done by the Bishop and family to make our sojourn agreeable and the remembrance thereof pleasant. The Bishop is a charming Christian gentleman; in manners courteous and polished; in disposition kind and affable; a man most devoted to his profession, and one whose goodness, energy, and decision are recognised and acknowledged by not only the English, but also the American residents of Victoria. The Bishop is fast building up the Church in British Columbia; he has associated with him quite a large corps of labourers of corresponding energy, piety, and devotion, and together they are making a region (which, at the time of the north-western boundary controversy, one of our statesmen, Mr. Benton, characterized as "the derelict of nations, the Nova Zembla of the North-west, a country fit only for the residence of the fur-bearing animals and their hunters,") to "bud and blossom as the rose." The Bishop is a type of the true Missionary, going out from Victoria and spending weeks and months in visiting the most remote parts of his Diocese; entering the cabin of the settler, visiting the mine: at his toil, and conversing with him of things "pertaining to salvation," as he leans upon the handle of his mattock or pick, or seated by his side upon the grassy bank or down upon the soil just thrown from the pit. The Bishop returned from one of these excursions the day before the consecration, and his narration of some of the incidents connected therewith was especially piquant.

On the morning of the consecration the sky was unclouded and continued so during the entire day, and a large congregation hence were assembled in the body of the church. At eleven A.M., a procession of the Clergy was formed at the vestry-room and moved towards the main entrance of the church, which they entered in reverse order, the Bishop leading. Here he was met by a deputation of the citizens of Victoria, headed by the Rev. Mr. Cridge, the Rector of Christ Church, and Chaplain to the Hudson Bay Company, with a request to consecrate this church which they had built and wished to devote to the service of Almighty God. The Bishop received the request, and handed the same to his Registrar to read, after which he signified his assent, and the procession continued up the aisle, repeating alternately with the Bishop the 24th Psalm, to the chancel, when the Bishop, with the Rev. Mr. Sheepshanks of New Westminster, the Rev. Mr. Dundas of Victoria, the Rector-elect, the Rev. Mr. Cridge, Rector of Christ Church, Victoria, and Chaplain, and the Rev. Mr. Willes of Olympia, Washington Territory, entered within the rails, when the service proceeded as in the American Prayer-Book prescribed. The Bishop preached, although it had been announced that Bishop Scott of Oregon would preach the consecration sermon, and great disappointment was felt that he was unable to be present. The service throughout was materially aided by a well trained choir, who chanted the Psalter alternately, assisted by a fine-toned organ, originally built for a church in Nice, when the Italian war broke out, and its destination was changed to British Columbia. The offer-