

THE MISSIONER OF THE CROSS, AND THE MISSIONER OF THE SWORD.

To impart to the ignorant and benighted *Savages* of the western world the light of christianity and the benefits of civilization, is recognized by all as the mission allotted by God to the white man, when first he led his daring ships safely across the wide Atlantic to the unknown shores of America. To have faithfully labored in the accomplishment of this noble mission is the white man's boast. But, however constant may have been his aim and his efforts, the means employed, and the result obtained, are somewhat different. The Church, sending forth her missionaries to accomplish the noble work, gives them the instructions of her divine Founder : *Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor scrip, nor bread, nor money.*

The Government of the United States, sending likewise to the poor Indians its messenger of civilization, setting aside the humble missioner of the *cross*, selects the man of the *sword*.

In illustration of the result obtained, we give below a few extracts from the labors and achievements of the two sorts of missioners to the Indians of the West during the last year or two.

MISSIONARY LIFE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

The extract published below is derived from a Protestant source, and while passing impartially upon the beneficent influences of the Oblate Fathers, in their endeavors to civilize and christianize the Indians under their charge, it points out in graphic language the many