

almost unbroken solitudes for weary months," but now after sixty-three years to be "swiftly carried in a few days, to find no longer at the journey's end the wilderness of Nature but the homes of an enlightened and progressive people."

The editor owes deepest thanks to Mrs. Fish for being entrusted with the honor of publishing this record and for her consent to present it in its integrity.

The plan has been to reproduce the original faithfully to the letter. From the conditions under which the record was made some parts are faint and mutilated but it is hoped that defects arising from this cause and from shortcomings in editing will not seriously impair the historical value of these documents.

Eugene, Oregon,
July 1, 1899.