

Fathers and Brothers. The mission on Okanagan Lake was founded in 1857, and at that time the only inhabitants were half-naked savages, who led a miserable life. In 1860 the Rev. Father Fouquet, O. M. I., established the first mission on the Fraser River, in a small village, which had been built by the earliest white settlers, who had been attracted there at the time of the gold excitement in 1850. This village has since developed into the thriving town of New Westminster. It was also Father Fouquet, O. M. I., who founded another mission thirty miles farther up the Fraser, at St. Mary's Mission. These two establishments were intended as centres of civilization for the five thousand Indians scattered along the banks of the great waterway.

NOTE.—Our friends and readers will be pleased to know that the Rev. Father Fouquet, O. M. I., is still in our midst and actively at work. He has now reached the ripe age of eighty, and continues, in spite of his years, to minister to several churches in the Fraser Valley. He has been one of the most active and successful Oblate missionaries in British Columbia. We shall have occasion, later on, to refer to some of Father Fouquet's experiences in the British Columbia missionary field.

The first Indian School was started by the Fathers at St. Mary's Mission in 1862, and entrusted to the care of Rev. Father Gendre. It is still in a flourishing condition, and has proved one of the principal means of civilizing the Indians, for whose sole benefit it was established.

In August, 1863, Father Pandosy was sent with a companion to start a mission at Fort Rupert, on the northeastern extremity of Vancouver Island, for the conversion of a numerous tribe of Indians called the Kwakiols. They were a most degraded, immoral