

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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HAVING been for the last twelve years in the Province and Diocese of British Columbia, I can quite feel that a man of any powers of observation ought to have gathered in those twelve years something worth coming home to speak to his friends about, and my object to-night is in the simplest and plainest possible way, hardly even deserving the name of a lecture, but rather, perhaps, a "talk," to tell you something of my experience during those past twelve years with regard to THE WAYS, and THE WORKS, and THE WANTS of that distant Diocese. I shall speak to you about THE WAYS, in order that you may have some idea of our manner of life; I shall speak to you about THE WORKS in order that you may have some idea of the people that are there, and the occupations in which they find employment; and having thus prepared you to understand our manner of life, and the people amongst whom we mix, I shall speak to you of OUR WANTS from a purely Church point of view, and ask your help and sympathy for our church work amongst those people with whom we are engaged. First let me remind you that British Columbia, which lies away on the western slopes of the rocky mountains extending down to the Pacific Ocean, was, in 1871, made an integral part of the great Dominion of Canada. Canada has gathered British North America into one great Dominion, and when she came to British Columbia to ask if we should not join the Dominion, we fairly answered, "it is to your advantage that we should, and unless we do so you will not have the Pacific seaboard. Therefore what will you give us if we join the Confederation." I need not say much about what she offered us—very liberal terms and advantages—both political and financial. But in addition to this she offered to enter into an arrangement to construct at once a railway, which should extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and this is one of those facts connected with British Columbia