

I was appointed as first Bishop of Vancouver Island and of British Columbia,* in 1846, and, as a matter of course, I had every thing to do to establish the Mission. My cathedral is a small frame building, hardly large enough at the present time. In 1857, I came to Canada, with the purpose of getting Sisters for the education of the young females. In April of the year following, I returned home with four Sisters of the order of St. Ann, lately founded by the present Bishop of Montreal. A school was opened forthwith; but I soon saw the necessity of adding to their number. In 1859 two more came out; but the work increasing, the combined efforts of six Sisters soon proved to be inadequate to the task, and in 1863 they had the consolation to welcome eight other Sisters. Their school in Victoria has been, all the time, and still is, in a most flourishing condition, there being at the last examination one hundred and fifty pupils, boarders and day scholars; and, finally, they will soon receive a re-enforcement of six Sisters, who took their departure by the steamer *Arizona*, on the 10th of November last.

The good and zealous Sisters, always true to their holy vocation, are not contented with devoting themselves to the education of the white and half-breed children in Victoria, and in New Westminster, British Columbia, where they have also opened a school nearly two years ago; the Indian girls at St. Ann's Mission, forty miles from Victoria, have also become the object of their boundless charity. There, in the summer of 1864, I built a convent for them at my own expense, as the Colonial Government gives me no assistance whatever, even for the Indian Missions, and a great number of girls are being educated and trained in the habits of domestic life, *gratis*: a blessing which the boys are also receiving from one of the Missionaries. I was omitting to say that I have also a good school for the boys in Victoria.

All these establishments are going on prosperously; but other institutions of equal, if not of greater, necessity are still wanting—an orphan asylum and an hospital in Victoria. The Sisters are impatiently waiting for the moment the buildings are put up to take charge of them. Till now they are com-

* Now separated from my diocese, and being a Vicariate apostolic.