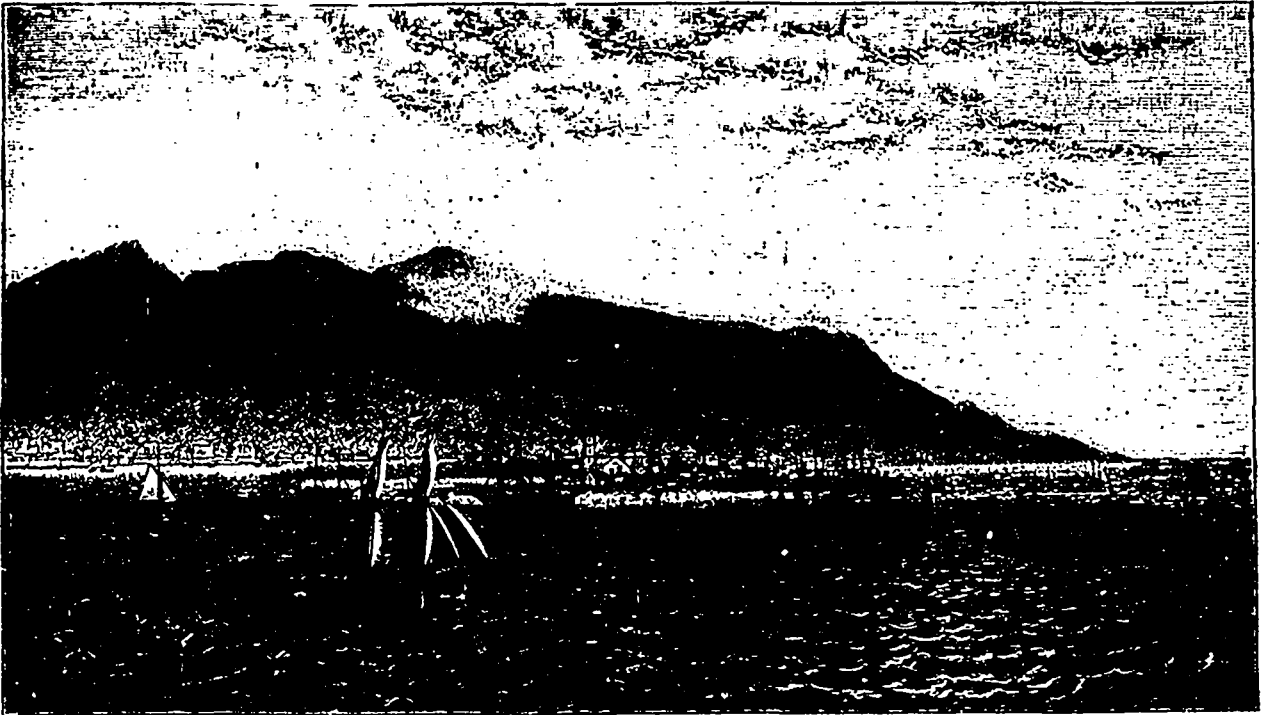




PORT AU PRINCE, HAYTI.

sooner it vanishes into history the better for us and for the world."

The pioneer missionary of the American Church in Hayti is Rt. Rev. James Theodore Holly, missionary bishop there. Mr. Holly was born in Washington, of African parents, in 1829. He was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, but at twenty-one renounced it for our own. Having been taught the trade of shoemaking, he worked at it and studied as he worked. Having been found useful in Church work, he was ordained to the diaconate, and at his own request was sent to examine the mission field in Hayti, and subsequently went out there as a permanent missionary. He took with him a number of his own people for the purpose of establishing a missionary colony, took up his abode there, and at Port-au-Prince. The colony, however, did not thrive, and most of the people either died or returned to the United States. But Mr. Holly remained and gradually built up a Church, and established mission stations. Bishops of the United States visited him from time to time, until, at last, it was recommended that he himself should be advanced to the episcopate. This was done, and his consecration attracted much attention and aroused much interest. It was an unusual thing to see a coloured bishop.

Bishop Holly went at once to his work and has continued there ever since. He was consecrated in 1874. Though working against

many discouragements, he has managed to keep his flock well together and to enlarge the borders of his diocese. The value of church property is set down as \$18,530. In the diocese there are eight priests, five deacons, three postulants and seventeen lay readers, established mainly through the faithful work and continued labours of Bishop Holly.

THE INDIAN MEDICINE MAN.

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THE medicine man of the North American Indians is the high priest of the people. He professes to have an intimate acquaintance with the various spirits of evil, particularly those most feared by his own band. With the utmost assurance he tells of revelations and visions, dictates prayers, feasts, and ceremonies. By a cunningly devised system of demonism and superstition he imposes upon the people, pandering to their depraved passions, and yet, ever looking out for his own and their interests, with a great air of authority, and with a degree of cunning that would readily lead the credulous to believe the man to be superhuman. By the Indians he is treated with the utmost deference and respect, because he is supposed to have had in a former existence, an intimate acquaint-