

accomplishment of the same. I pray you, the Godly selected fathers and guardians of the Church upon earth, to give me a place in your prayers, praying to the Lord in my behalf, that His grace and mercy be with me evermore." The 10th of January, 1841, was the day on which Bishop Innocent left St. Petersburg to go to his church in Alaska.

On his way back he visited Irkoutsk. One can imagine with what feeling the Right Reverend Innocent entered his native city, and with what joy and veneration the population of Irkoutsk must have received one of their former pastors—John Veniaminov, who now was an Archpastor. The people met him in crowds on entering the city; the bells on every church chimed. The Bishop visited the Church of the Annunciation, where he formerly served as a priest, and offered the Liturgy and a thanksgiving service. Having left Irkoutsk he stopped on his way in his native Anginskoe, went into the cottage in which he was born and where his childhood was spent, visited his old acquaintances, and—having offered a service of supplications—commenced his long journey, cheered with the well wishes of his countrymen. At last, on the 27th of September, 1841, after a long and tiresome voyage, Innocentius safely reached Sitkha, or the port of New Archangel.

IV.

Now after taking upon himself a new vocation, Bishop Innocent's work of spreading Christianity and enlightenment had greatly increased. He commenced by opening new parishes, the necessity of which by this time was strongly felt. Ordaining priests for the new parishes, the Right Rev. Innocent gave them the most