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There was a hymn after the Morning Prayer. I then preached a sermon on confirmation, after which a psalm was chanted. Mr. Wyatt read the Preface to the Confirmation. The candidates were then invited to come forward; they had not been placed in any one part, but were dispersed. It was a striking sight to see them rising up from all parts of the congregation, male and female, and advancing to the chancel. A large proportion were persons of some age; there were but very few of the age of fifteen or sixteen. The proportion of sexes was good. There was more of the male sex, I think, than is seen often in England. I then addressed them, standing all, seventy-five in number, before the rails. I called for silent prayer for a space before the prayer for the Holy Ghost. The candidates then came to the rails as they would to the Communion, not one at first, the other after, but as they were placed. I liked this; there was a freedom which gave the idea of perfect independence and willingness in offering themselves. Our plan of keeping the sexes apart and bringing them up in charge suits better with the very young than where a majority are of maturer years. I was informed many were persons who had not been brought up in the Anglican Communion. Some had been recently baptized. I addressed them afterwards. There was considerable feeling displayed by the candidates. Altogether I am thankful to feel the occasion was an impressive season, calculated to advance the cause of God and the salvation of men's souls. Several persons afterwards expressed their conviction that this was the case, and I trust too a kindly feeling was improved not only between the Churches, but between our nationalities.

AMERICAN HOSPITALITY.

On inquiring to-day for my bill at the hotel, including hire of carriage several times for my party of seven, I was told there was nothing to pay. I found the Church Committee had so arranged that I should be franked for every expense during my stay. Three of the principal clergy and Mr. Booker kindly came to see us off.

SPIRITUALISM.

On a board in San Francisco was painted, "Miss Clara Simons, Clairvoyante, Physician, and Test Medium." On a board at Portland was a name painted, after which was "Trance Speaking Medium." Bishop Scott spoke of the prevalence of this superstition, and instanced cases. He and Mr. Hyland agreed that Spiritualists were always infidels.

VOYAGE TO PORTLAND—CROWD OF MINERS—MISERY OF ACCOMMODATION.

We left San Francisco at six o'clock, February 28th, in the *Sierra Nevada*, for Portland, Oregon, and Victoria. There was a great crowd of miners going to the Boisi and Kutanais mines. The steamer is calculated to hold about 250 passengers. We had 550, which with the crew made above 600 souls on board. Berths for a large number of course there were none. Every available standing space during the