

PREFACE.

IN issuing a "Sketch of the Rise and Progress of Metlahkatlah," it is right to state that the epistolary form of the pamphlet arises from the fact that the Dean of Victoria, British Columbia, communicated his views of the Metlahkatlah Mission to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society by letter, after he had spent seven weeks at the station. The visit was undertaken at the request of the Lord Bishop of British Columbia, and it is almost needless to state that the narrative was simply transmitted by Dean Cridge for the information of the Committee, and not with any view to publication.

The Committee trust that the brief, but graphic account given of this Mission will strengthen the conviction that great blessings, temporal as well as spiritual, result from the Missionary labour of the present age.

The Bishop of Columbia, after a personal inspection of the Metlahkatlah Mission, was desirous of admitting Mr. Duncan to Holy Orders. At that time the offer of ordination was not accepted, but the Committee are now able to state that Mr. Duncan has prepared himself as a candidate for ordination, and has been accepted by the Bishop.