

I had a strong pin and some slender twine, and by such helps I was enabled to connect the different portions of the cassock firmly enough together.

"Finding that it had not the proper clerical hue, I resolved to dye it, and I used some of the wild berries that were growing in the woods, for that purpose. But instead of dyeing it black, they dyed it purple; and I found myself unexpectedly clad as a bishop. The next day, I had an immersion in the lake, and the dye being washed out, I found myself vested in a white cassock, like the Pope." (Sketches.)

Many are the striking manifestations of Divine grace, in the lives of the poor British Columbia Indians evangelized by the Oblate Fathers, which fully compensated them for their numerous trials and disappointments. The following is an account of the conversion of a famous sorcerer, who for several years offered violent opposition to the introduction of Christianity among the pagan tribes under his influence:

"A pagan chieftain, a bitter persecutor of Christians, was killed in a drunken brawl on the same day that he had appointed for the assassination of the Catholic chieftain. His friends, in their superstitious fanaticism, attributed his death to sorcery, and fixed the blame upon Siacasout, the sorcerer or medicine man, whom we have just spoken of, and whom they resolved to kill. The aged Siacasout, to save his life, cast himself on the protection of the Fathers of the Mission. 'O Priests!' he exclaimed, as he entered the mission-house, 'you who forbid the shedding of blood, have pity on me. I am accused falsely and they wish to put me to death. Speak in my behalf and my life will be saved. If you hear my petition, I will for the future listen to your instructions, to please the