

ships should treat this class of passengers with so little consideration. Not to mention the reverence and respect due to Divine worship, it would conduce to good order and discipline, if some care was taken in providing seats for a certain number; if some of the officers of the ship were present; if unnecessary noise and business of the ship was restrained. I was much disturbed by the cinders being removed just at the time of service—a most noisy proceeding. There was a sheep wandering about, making a loud bleating, but no one was there who had authority to preserve order. Some of the audience were as much annoyed as I was, and indeed the whole thing was a painful reflection upon the careless inattention of the company to the comfort at least of a numerous class of passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO—ARRIVAL—PRESSED TO STAY.

*Monday, February 27.*—Got to San Francisco about ten. The Rev. Mr. Wyatt, chairman of the standing committee of the diocese of California, came with several clergy to meet me and to press me to remain some days. I had resolved to go on direct, for I had been already too long absent from my diocese. The Archdeacon Wright and Mr. Dundas were both awaiting my arrival previous to their own return, and the matter of the Bishopric division required prompt attention on the spot. Mr. Wyatt was very pressing, and stated arrangements had been made for my taking a tour of the country. We found apartments had been secured at the "Lick House," an hotel of some importance, deriving its odd name from that of its proprietor, where all arrangements were comfortable and clean. We had not been long in the hotel before visitors began to arrive. Several pleasant, kind people showed us attention. Called upon Mr. Booker, the British Consul. In the afternoon I walked about the city with my wife. Mr. Booker joined us. There are no fine buildings, and not a square—a great defect. For several years there have not been any considerable improvements. There are more houses, the spaces are more filled in, but, with the exception of three or four streets, there are plank side-walks and roads, with abundant irregularities and mud-holes, over and through which you jolt and flounder in no very pleasant way. We were struck with the jewellers' shops, which are in request; the silk mercers had a great display also. Some excellent hardware struck us, which on inquiry we found came from Sheffield. The principal improvement was the erection of large hotels, such as the "Cosmopolitan" and the "Occidental," which are really good, and such as in Europe are hardly excelled.

CONFIRMATION, SAN FRANCISCO.

*Tuesday, February 28.*—At half-past ten o'clock the Rev. Mr. Wyatt came to convey me to Grace Cathedral, which is a fine structure and capable of holding a large congregation. It was well filled. The clergy in surplices sat on either side in the choir, I sat on the north side. Mr. Clark and Mr. Wyatt sat on the south side within the rails. The service was the Morning Prayer; the Venite and Te Deum were chanted; at the end of the Psalms, "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung.