

and a good deal crumpled and distorted. It is entirely contrary to our experience that coal of any value should be found in such beds. Galena may occur in the quartzites, but probably in no great quantity; and there is no positive reason why gold may not be found, although the beds have scarcely the character of auriferous quartz.

On our second visit to the town our eyes were refreshed by the vision of a bishop; not a bishop blunt of speech and careless of externals, as so hard-working a missionary among the Fuegians and Patagonians might well afford to be, but a bishop gracious in manner and perfect in attire, who would have seemed more in harmony with his surroundings in the atmosphere of Windsor or St. James's. We had great pleasure in the society of Bishop Stirling during our stay at Stanley. Although he takes his title from the Falklands, his diocese is so large—extending round the whole of the southern coast of South America—that his visits to Stanley are somewhat rare; and we owed the pleasure of making his acquaintance to an accident which had befallen his little missionary schooner, the repair of which he was superintending. He is a most active and zealous pastor, and greatly beloved by his scattered flock. A great part of his time is spent in Fuegia, where he has succeeded in establishing a half-civilized missionary station, and it was most interesting to hear him talk of his strange experiences among perhaps the most primitive race in the world. Walking over the breezy "Camp" of the Falklands with Dr. Stirling, one could not help thinking that his great influence in these remote regions might to some extent be referred to the almost exaggerated care with which he maintains the culture and refinement of a gentleman and the dignity of the ecclesiastical office.

Two vegetable productions of the Falklands, the balsam-bog and the tussock-grass, have been objects of curiosity and interest ever since the first accounts of the islands reached us. In many places the low ground looks from a little distance as if it