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The Bishop of Quebec left Quebec on Monday, 19th Jan., to make a circuit in those portions of the Diocese which lie in the District of St. Francis, and in the County of Megantic. Having passed the night of the 20th at the Rectory of Three Rivers, his Lordship proceeded the next day, accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. S. S. Wood, who is one of his Chaplains, to Nicolet, where they were both received at the Manor House by Mr. Trigge, and soon joined by the Rev. H. Burges, the Missionary of the place. Service was appointed in the Church at 2, P. M., at which time the Bishop was met by a congregation of nearly 50 persons from among the scattered Protestants of the neighborhood, some of them having come from La Baie, which is 13 miles from Nicolet. A most excellent sermon was preached upon the occasion by Mr. Wood. Only five persons were confirmed. His Lordship addressed his charge to them as a little portion of a little flock, and exhorted them to remember the promise which most literally suited their case, and, by God's good help, to stand their ground manfully, as the soldiers of Christ, in the face of the various influences which would be opposed to them. The example has been set in this Mission, under the auspices of Mr. Trigge, of forming an endowment fund for the permanent support of the ministry. The recollection of kinduc 323 and hapitalities experienced during a long series of years, at the hands of the late Captain. Chandler and his lady, similar to those which he was now enjoying in the same house, could not fail to throw a certain shade of melancholy interest over the visit of the Bishop to Nicolet Manor. On Thursday, 22nd.; Mr. Trigge sent the Bishop on to La Baie, to which place he was accompanied by the Rev. H. Burges, and his Lordship then proceeded alone to Drummondville, distant from La Baie 24 miles, where he became the guest of the Rev. G. M. Ross, and his mother who resides with him.

The confirmation at Drummendville was held in the forenoon of Friday, the 23rd. From 70 to 80 persons were present. Nineteen were confirmed. The Bishop combined his address to them with a sermon on St. Matthew, xxi, 33, 34, occurring in the 2nd lesson. Two of the male candidates had come from the River David, distant 24 miles, where a small handful of Protestants are without any standing ministrations upon the spot; and one of these two, a youth of sixteen, who had been brought up in the United States, had received adult baptism at the hands of the Bishop, after the 2nd lesson. It was an interesting case: the recipient of the two ordinances having, besides the training and instruction through which he had passed, been specially introduced the evening before, to his Lordship, and uppearing to have a very just sense of the privileges and obligations of the covenant into which he was received, and a very honest and right purpose of heart in coming forward to pay his vows. His father who stood by him as one of his witnesses was greatly moved, and melted into tears, when the Bishop, after the usual questions, took his son by the hand and poured the sacramental water on his head. His Lordship during the remainder of this day was taken round by Mr. Ross to visit several of the families of the neighborhood. The old Church of Drummondville, though of sufficient size and not incommodious, is a

very unsightly wooden building, without paint, having been left without renovation on account of the projected erection of a new Church of stone, materials for which have been collected upon a site given by Mr. Watts. The late General Herict, of Drammondville, made a bequest in land in aid of this object. The work, however, is attended with difficulties and proceeds but slowly.

On Saturday the 24th, Mr. Ross drove the Bishop up to Lower Durham, within the same Mission, distant about a dozen miles from Drammondville, where a Church has been standing unfinished for not less than ten years. His Lordship met the congregation by appointment, in the school-house where Mr. Ross is in the habit of officiating; and, after service, addressed a sermon to them founded upon Psalm cxxxu. 1-5, making advantage of the text to press upon them the duty of leaving no exertion untried to bring the house of God to its completion. The members of the Church are few and poor in the neighborhood, and they appear to have got into difficulty with the contractor. His Lordship held a conference with the heads of families, after service, but a good many were absent in consequence of a funeral in the neighborhood which they could not easily excuse themselves from attending.

The Rev. Mr. Balfour who had met the Bishop here before service, drove him across the River St. Francis to his Parsonage at Kingsey, where some of the respectable families of the neighborhood were entertained at dinner, to meet his Lordship. In the evening he was joined by the Rev. Jasper Nicolls, Principal of Bishop's College, and one of his Chaplains. Mr. Nicolls became the guest of Mr. Longmore, the gentleman who gave the sites of the Church and Parsonage-house, together with an endowment of land for the use of the minister. On Sunday the 25th, St. Paul's day, divine service was held in the forenoon, in Kingsey Church. From S0 to 100 persons were present, and 14 were confirmed. The sermon, which was very happily adapted to the occasion, was preached by Mr. Nicolls, upon the text Psalm Cxix, 9. Parts of the service were chanted, with the aid of instrumental music. The Bishop then proceeded with the two Clergymen, seven miles, to Upper Durham Church in the same mission, on the western bank of the St. Francis. The little Church was full, and four persons were confirmed, one having been prevented from attending by a sudden attack of illness. His Lordship preached from Amos v, 14.; interweaving in his sermon an application of the text, and especially of its closing words, to the case of those who were confirmed. He was here met by the Rev. Dr. Falloon of Melbourne, and several members of his congregation, and was driven up to that place with Mr. and Mrs. Tait in their sleigh, taking up his quarters with Dr. and Mrs. Falloon.

The Confirmation for the Melbourne Mission was held in the Church of Richmond Village, in the forenoon of Monday 26th Jan. A good congregation was present, and 17 persons were confirmed. His Lordship combined his address to them with his sermon, taking for his text Psalm xxxiv. 11. They were, according to the practice which he has established where this arrangement is followed, seated in a body near the pulpit. Portions of the service were chanted with the aid of a melodion in the gallery.