

absence of the clergyman, to notify such members of the Congregation as were not too distant, of service to be held at five o'clock, when Mr. Mountain said the prayers and the Bishop preached to a Congregation of something more than forty persons. The Church-wardens very cheerfully took the responsibility of getting an ex post facto sanction from the Missionary (who appears to be exceedingly beloved), and the Bishop was not much afraid of getting into a difficulty with his brother of Fredericton, for taking unauthorized possession of a pulpit in his Diocese.

The Salmon-fishery is very extensively and profitably carried on by the residents upon this part of the coast, and it is conducted under the strictest regulations, each landed proprietor having his own exact limits in the waters.

*Monday, 29th August.*—After having been hospitably entertained and lodged at Mr. Williston's, the Bishop and his Chaplain set out at 5 A. M. for Chatham, a distance of twenty miles, in order to take the stage thence to Fredericton. The charge for their waggon to Chatham was, without their privity, defrayed by the Church-wardens and neighbors, and all resistance to this arrangement was found to be in vain, the only way left of returning the amount at least for the benefit of the Diocese, being the reservation of it to be added to what should be given at the collection to be made in the Cathedral on the day of consecration, to which all the Parishes sent up contributions.

The town of Chatham and two smaller places in the neighborhood, Douglstown and Newcastle, have been created by the lumber trade, which has recently received some impulse in this quarter, where a promise now appears of increase and improvement. There are in Chatham, a Parish Church and a Chapel of Ease of the Church of England, and there is a Church of the same Communion in Newcastle. The distance from Chatham to Fredericton is about 113 miles. The stage is an open waggon, which lingers by the way, in a manner not at all suggesting the idea of its conveying Her Majesty's mail. Leaving Chatham at 9½ A. M., it reached Boiestown, a poor looking village, at a distance of about sixty miles, after midnight. The Bishop and Mr. Mountain slept at this place, and on the following day reached Fredericton, just too late, unfortunately, for the afternoon service at St. Anne's Chapel. The Bishop of Fredericton had his house full of visitors from the American States who came to attend the consecration, and the Bishop of Quebec and his Chaplain, by previous invitation, were the guests, during their stay, of His Excellency Sir Edmund and Lady Head, at Government House, a privilege which will be understood by others who may have enjoyed it. They remained nearly a week at Fredericton, engaged in public services, meetings, and hospitable entertainments connected with the great occasion which had brought them together, for the description of all which the account may be consulted which appears in another column of this paper. The Bishop of Quebec had the happiness of receiving a very affectionate greeting from many old members of his first flock, in vastly differing circles of society, including some of the negro population. In the afternoon of Sunday, 4th Sept., his Lordship preached at St. Anne's Chapel, in addition to the other duties mentioned in the account just referred to; and early on Monday the 5th, left Fredericton to return to Chatham from whence he was to be conveyed in the Basilisk to the Magdalen Islands. The Bishop and Mr. Mountain reached Chatham on Tuesday, the latter part of which day and nearly the whole of Wednesday (the Basilisk not having arrived) were spent in writing, and preparing for the press the manuscript of the Bishop's sermons preached in the Cathedral at Fredericton, the publication of which had been desired, to make up a volume with those by other hands delivered also upon the occasion of the consecration. The Basilisk having come up to Chatham on Wednesday, they went on board in the evening of that day, and leaving the harbor at daylight on Thursday, reached the Magdalen Islands, distant from Chatham about 150 miles, on the morning of Friday the 9th. They landed at House Har-

bor, where the Rev. F. Boyle, the Island Missionary, resides. Mr. Boyle was absent at another island called *Grosse Isle*, but the Bishop became the guest of Mrs. Boyle, and Mr. Mountain was accommodated at the house of Mr. Flockhart, consular agent for the United States of America.

*Saturday, 10th September.*—Some description of this most singular group of Islands was given in No. 1, vol. 1 of this paper, (for Sept. 1850) together with some particulars of the extraordinary state of spiritual destitution in which the Protestant portion of the inhabitants (amounting now to 230 souls and constituting, perhaps, one-tenth of the whole population) were found by the Bishop, when he visited them in 1850. His Lordship having then afforded them his own passing ministrations, and having ascertained both their dispositions and their wants, established a Missionary among them, in concert with the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*, in 1851. The gentleman selected for this service, was Mr. Boyle, already mentioned, an élève of Bishop's College at Lennoxville, from which valuable institution, within the few years of its existence, no less than twenty-four gentlemen have come forth, having made their theological preparation in whole or in part within its walls, who are now occupying the Missionary field in Lower Canada, besides others who have left the country. It was necessary that the Bishop should proceed at once to Grosse Isle, where the Sunday was to be passed, and being accommodated by kind neighbors with a boat, he went up there accordingly, with Mr. Mountain. The distance is rather a long twenty miles. They were lodged upon their arrival at the house of a Mr. Keaton, a settler of the place, where they found Mr. Boyle, and the family did their best for their accommodation. About half a mile off there was an elderly woman long confined to the house by ill health, who had never been baptized. Mr. Boyle had been engaged in preparing her, and it was arranged that the baptism should take place this night. A small band of friends and neighbors such as her cottage would hold, was accordingly collected, and the evening service of the Church was performed, the voice of psalmody was raised, and a familiar sermon was delivered by the Bishop. It was a rare opportunity for the poor sufferer, but the occasion was most marked and, according to all good hope, blessed to her by her reception into covenant with God in CHRIST by holy baptism, which took place, at the hands of Mr. Mountain, after the second lesson.

*Sunday, 11th September.*—A pull across the head of the lagoon and a walk of about a mile, brought the party to the house of a Mr. McLean near the Church, where they robed. This Church has been raised by great exertions, and this object would hardly have been yet accomplished but for the purchase, at a reduced rate, of a wreck: for it is upon wrecks that the Islanders in a great measure depend for any more considerable building,—the islands themselves not affording timber. The frame is raised and covered in, but the windows had not been set up, and the whole building being quite unfinished, had never been used for service till this day. It was temporarily adapted for the occasion, and a Congregation assembled of between forty and fifty persons, to whom the Bishop preached. Two male adults were baptized by his Lordship, during the service. After the Bishop and clergy had partaken of some refreshment at the house of Mr. Clarke, service was again held in the afternoon, when thirty-one persons were confirmed,—the Bishop introducing into his sermon a special charge to the persons thus ratifying their baptismal vows and receiving the solemn benediction of the Church. The party returned afterwards to Mr. Keaton's. The night being fine, but the appearance of the weather indicating the approach of a change, and the wind, which is wonderfully uncertain in these regions, at the moment favoring the enterprize, it was deemed advisable to embark, about 8 P. M. on the return to House Harbor, a son of Mr. Keaton's volunteering to aid, and a youth being also with the party belonging to the family of Mr. Munsey, a Magistrate and merchant at House Harbour. There was besides a little girl as pas-