

settled of these Townships are principally occupied by French Canadian emigrants from the Seigniories, and not a few are still a wilderness. The Protestant Townships are those which lie chiefly to the West and South of the St. Francis river, among which are included those situated in the recently formed Deanery of Bedford in this Diocese : viz. : St Armand (West and East), Sutton, Potton, Bolton, Stukely, Shefford, Brome, Dunham, Stanbridge, Farnham, Grauby, Milton, and Roxton.

Last week, it was our privilege to attend Meetings in connection with the Diocesan Church Society, held at six of these Parishes or Missions, and we propose, very briefly, to give our impressions of the work which is being done in the various localities.

Pigeon Hill, Parish of St. Armand West.—We had preached in a school house near this spot in 1857, and were now glad to find in its place a neat brick Church, 36x50, capable of accommodating 250 persons, free of debt, consecrated in June, 1860, by the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

The Meeting was held in the Church on Tuesday morning, and was largely attended. The Rector, Rev. H. Montgomery, presided and opened with prayer. Addresses were delivered by Archdeacon Scott, Rural Dean Slack, the Rev. Messrs. R. & D. Lindsay, the Rector, and ourselves.

It is not too much to say that the addresses we heard were characterized by ability, breathed the true Missionary spirit, and inspired the feeling, deepened by every subsequent Meeting, that the labours of these brethren, undertaken in reliance upon the Spirit's aid, must be blessed.

Philipsburg.—The residence of the Rector of St. Armand West was visited the same evening. Here are to be found the Parish Church, Parsonage and glebe in excellent condition. It is seven and a half miles from Pigeon Hill on the Missisquoi Bay. The Church was filled with an intelligent congregation, and was addressed by the same speakers, and by Mr. Wetherall, the former Rector. The venerable Mr. Whitewell, during whose Rectorship the present edifice had been constructed, though still a resident, was to the deep regret of his brethren, prevented by ill health from being present. The sainted Stewart, late Bishop of Quebec, was one of the first missionaries stationed here, and it was cheering to observe that the fruits of his prayers and labours were still manifest. We copied from the parish register the following entry in the handwriting of Dr. Stewart.

"The Rev. Charles Cotton moved from St. Armand to the Township of Durham, in the district of Montreal on the 20th day of March, 1808, and was succeeded in his appointment at St. Armand by the Hon. and Rev. C. Stewart, as witness his hand."* C. STEWART, MINISTER.

* The Rev. Canon Reid in reference to the notice of the Rev. C. Stewart contained in the above extract informs us, that the time of the actual arrival of Mr. Stewart at Philipsburgh was in Nov. 1807 : though it may not have been until the March of the following year, that the Mission became vacant by the removal of the Rev. C. C. Cotton to Durham.