

Fund. The above rule, if acted upon with promptitude and vigour in the several parishes, will enable them to secure a permanent provision for their religious institutions.—*Com. to Waterloo Advertiser.*

SOREL.

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Mr. Jackson's incumbency extended over the long period of 28 years but his *ministerial* was not as successful as his *scholastic* career. Although he was an accomplished scholar, and an upright and an honourable man, concealing beneath a rough exterior many generous and kindly qualities, yet it must be conceded that the ministry was not his proper vocation. From various causes, including his own increasing age and infirmities, the mission had so far retrograded that towards the close of his ministry the congregation averaged only about 30 or 40, and the communicants about 15 in number, having thus sunk below the number reported by the first rector, at the origin of the mission in 1784.

In September, 1836, Mr. Jackson was superannuated, and the Rev. William Anderson was appointed by Bishop Stewart, to the curacy of Sorel with the mission of Berthier, and part of the now Rawdon mission attached. Mr. Anderson had been ordained deacon in 1834, and priest in 1835 by the Reverend Prelate last mentioned, and appointed to the charge of St. Peter's Chapel in Quebec, of which chapel he was the first minister, and which he held for upwards of two years.

In 1837 the unhappy rebellion broke out, and as its focus in Eastern Canada was on the banks of the Richelieu, it led to the establishment of a large body of troops at Sorel, and to a heavy consequent increase of ministerial duty. Between civil and military services, and a service at Berthier, four services were for a short period, and subsequently for many years, three full services each Lord's Day, were performed, whilst in occasionally itinerating during the week through the Berthier mission, in attending to the military hospital and school, and to the parochial duties at Sorel, the physical and mental energies of the missionary were taxed to the uttermost. A Sunday School was speedily commenced, which, though sometimes hampered from want of teachers, yet has never been suspended for 25 years, and is at present in vigorous exercise, with an average attendance of 60 children, and nine teachers. A Sunday School Library was also originated, gradually augmenting, till it at present includes some hundreds of excellent works, greatly prized and generally read.

Mr. Jackson died in January, 1839, and Sir John Colborne, then Governor General, presented Mr. Anderson, on the part of the crown, to the vacant rectory, into which, some few months afterwards, he was formally inducted by the late devoted Rev. Joseph Brown, Evening Lecturer in the Cathedral at Quebec, and specially deputed for this purpose by the Bishop of the diocese.

Although Sorel is the Society's oldest Canadian mission, and at the