

will be not less than sixty-seven confirmations on the Visitation now in part accomplished. Now, there are *persons living*,—and yet far from any indications of decrepitude,—three of them are among my own acquaintance, who were confirmed at Quebec, by the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, the first, and then the only Colonial Bishop of the Established Church, in the whole empire, towards the close of the last century, at which time there were, I believe, half-a-dozen Church-clergy in all Canada. When I contemplate the case of our Missionaries, and think of the effects of their labours, I look upon them as marked examples of men whose reward is not in this world. Men leading lives of toil, and more or less of hardship and privation—often, with their families, in unpainted rooms, and with uncarpeted floors,—the very consideration which attaches to them as clergymen of the English Church Establishment exposing them to worldly mortification, from their inability to maintain appearances consistent with any such pretension,—they are yet, under the hand of God, the dispensers of present, and the founders of future blessing in the land. There are many points of view in which they may be so regarded: for wherever a Church clergyman is established, there is, to a certain extent, a focus for improvement found: but nothing is more striking than the barrier which the Church, without any adventitious sources of influence, opposes to the impetuous flood of fanaticism, rushing, at intervals, through the newer parts of the country, and those especially which lie