

habitants. That the Bishop knows of no person and desires that the Society would endeavor to send a worthy active man. The People are generous and public spirited, the climate is mild, rather warmer than New York; the soil exceedingly good through the whole district, which is almost isolated, bounded on the * North by Lake Erie, on the South by Lake Ontario, on the West by the River, which runs out of the former into the latter of those Lakes, and in which is the greatest cataract of Niagara: and on the East by a very large river that runs into Ontario. The Bishop adds, that if he were in the prime of life, he knows no place in America that he would prefer."

At the General Meeting, May 20th. 1791, the Archbishop of Canterbury in the chair:—

"An application was made by the Revd. Robert Addison A.M. late of Trinity College, Cambridge, to be taken into the Society's Service, recommended by Edward Montagu Esqr. and Mr. Humphreys, Lecturer of Hampstead. Agreed that he may be a proper person to send to Niagara, if the Bishop of Peterborough and Ely should give a satisfactory account of him."

(Trinity College is the largest and most famous College in the University of Cambridge, though not the oldest having been founded in 1546 by King Henry VIII)

At the General Meeting June 17th, 1791, the Archbishop of Canterbury being in the chair:—

"The Secretary read 2 letters: one from the Bishop of Ely, another from the Bishop of Peterborough: in which the account of the Rev. Robert Addison was so satisfactory that the Board Agree to appoint him their Missionary to Niagara, with a Salary of fifty pounds, to commence at Midsummer next, and the Treasurer was directed to advance him half a year's Salary"

The following extracts are taken from the abstracts of Mr. Addison's letters read at various meetings of the Society. (N.B. The dates are the dates of the letters, not of the meetings)

"From Mr. Addison, Missionary at Niagara, Canada, dated Quebec, April 29th, 1792: which came by Mr. Toosey, to whom he refers for an account of himself, and who advised him to stay the winter there, and to a letter he had received from Messrs. Forsyth & Co., Merchants at Montreal, dated October 31st. 1791, where in they write that they thought it proper to mention to him that the season was too far advanced to admit of almost a possibility of reaching Niagara: and were it probable, he would find the travelling which must be by water, exceedingly uncomfortable, and that they thought it his safest plan to delay his journey till Spring: the navigation being open about the end of April".

* Geography rather misty.