

his children. His chief reason for leaving the Labrador coast was the sad condition of himself and large family in respect of religious instruction and the means of grace; and the chief inducement to return, was the promise or prospect I held out of supplying in some degree that greatest need and necessity. He welcomed me with the same kindness as before, and renewed his offer to receive and provide for any Clergyman who would be content with his humble house and fare. I perceived, however, a depression of spirits in himself and the other members of his family, which I could not account for till I was informed that since their return they had lost their youngest child. It was the first death in the family, and it was an occasion of additional grief that the burial had been of necessity in unconsecrated ground, and without the solemnities of a religious service. This circumstance, of course, made the arrival of a Clergyman, though late more welcome, and by consecrating the ground chosen for a burying place, after preparations for enclosing it, I was enabled to gratify a very proper and pious feeling. Being desirous to introduce Mr. Gifford to the extreme points, north and south, of his Mission, we proceeded, after a stay of three days at Forteau, (during which his books and bedding were landed,) to Blanc Sablon, the southern extremity of his Mission and of my Diocese. And here I might really or literally say I beheld for the first time an end or limit of this extraordinary Diocese. It is really and literally the only spot from which I could pass to or look on another Diocese. Here a small stream divides the dependencies of Newfoundland from Canada, and my Diocese from that of Quebec. This Rubicon I did not pass over, but I looked across it with wistful eyes, for the mere possibility of a brother's presence within view was equally new and delightful. I had never before looked from my Diocese upon any thing but the wide waste of waters. Here Mr. Gifford spent his first sabbath. (August 12th,) and performed his first ministerial service in his Mission. The services were celebrated both morning and afternoon, in a store kindly provided and furnished for the occasion by the agents of the Messrs. De Quetteville of Jersey, who have an extensive establishment here and at Forteau. There are other fishing establishments in both these places during the summer, and several hundred men come and return every year. The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in the morning, and a few persons seemed very glad of the opportunity of partaking of this seasonable and holy refreshment. I must not omit to mention, that every possible assistance was given and attention shown by Messrs. De Quetteville's agent, with a promise to repeat the same on every occasion of the Missionary's visits. Blanc Sablon and Forteau are not ten miles apart; and it is hoped that a few may attend the services at Forteau from the former place, though unhappily the work is so laborious and incessant during the fishing season, that scarcely can one man ever leave his post. A large burying place at Blanc Sablon significantly showed the need of religious instructions and ministrations. I did not consider it right to consecrate the ground, as there was no fence and no opportunity of preparing one during my stay. There are a few families resident in this neighbourhood, and two or three of Jersey origin. I visited on Sunday evening with Mr. Gifford, and baptized the children. Nine years had elapsed since a Clergyman (the Rev. Mr. Cusac, of the Diocese of Quebec) visited this settlement, and most of the children had been born in the interval.

"We were detained here by fogs and contrary winds longer than I had designed, but not longer than to one at least of our party was very acceptable. Here Mr. Gifford was to be set on shore, to commence alone and unfriended

his ministerial or missionary work. During our stay we had prevailed with a fisherman to put a board or partition across his sleeping-room, and assign one moiety to Mr. Gifford, the other half being kept for himself and wife. The meals would be taken together in the little kitchen, or common apartment, and of course can consist only of the fish and other Labrador fare, for my friend had nothing whatever, but so much clothes as could be conveyed in a carpet bag, with his ministerial habit. The change, even from the accommodation of the Church-ship was enough to have made many not over refined or delicate draw back; but the loss of society and companionship, of help and advice, in such new and difficult circumstances and for so long a period, was, I believe, much more terrible. Nobly, however, did he endure the trial, and mercifully was he supported. On Friday, August 17th, at an early hour he was warned to depart by announcement of a change of wind which would forward the Church-ship on her journey to the northward. He was rowed off by two hands with his bundle, and so set on shore; and there stood alone watching while the good Church-ship got under way, and I believe till she was fairly out of sight."

Nothing in the way of comment need to be added to this affecting account. Surely no true member of the Church will refuse to give his alms and his prayers also to the strengthening and support of the good Bishop, and of the young Clergyman who is now prosecuting his solitary labours for the spiritual welfare of the neglected Christians of Labrador.

Soon after Mr. Gifford had undertaken this trying office, an Irish Clergyman, and active friend of the Society, the Rev. H. P. Disney, voluntarily offered to place himself, at least for some years, at the disposal of Bishop Feild. The Bishop gladly accepted his services, and, on his arrival in Newfoundland, appointed him to the spiritual charge of Battle Harbour and St. Francis' Harbour. Although the Bishop had designed to make Battle Harbour his principal residence, yet facilities first presented themselves for erecting a church at St. Francis' Harbour, where some warm-hearted members of the Church are settled, and have offered to contribute half the cost of the building. It is to be entirely of wood; the width will be eighteen feet and a half, the length fifty feet, and the height of the wall seven feet. The cost of the whole will be about £100. No provision has yet been made for either school-house or schoolmaster, nor for a house for the Clergyman.

Another Clergyman is still wanted to fill up the third station, according to the original design of the Bishop. Who is there will say in the words of the Prophet, "Here am I; send me?"

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