

obliged me to embark hastily in a small boat, and row two miles to meet her, attended by several worthy members of the Church. I found Mr. Wood, the Society's Missionary at the Grand Lake, on board, with several persons from more distant places, with whom it was very convenient for me to confer, in reference to the state of the Church in the places of their residence. We were at Fredericton soon after four, which enabled me to see the Archdeacon on my way to the Government House.

Sunday, October 25.—Having much before me for this day, I was very thankful to find the weather particularly favourable. We had a large congregation in the morning, when Messrs. Harrison and Stirling were admitted to the order of priests. I preached upon the occasion, not omitting to enforce, as well as I was able, the duties of pastors to their people, and of the people to their pastors. I had not time to unrobe before the afternoon service, when the church was again well filled: sixty-nine persons, whose deportment was very becoming, were confirmed, and their seriousness encouraged me to address them at some length. Among them was an aged person, who, after much sickness and affliction, appeared to be in rapid decay. He had been a passenger with me in a steamer, where he made known to me his earnest desire for confirmation, and made many proper inquiries, which I was glad to answer to his satisfaction. He was so feeble that he could not approach the altar without support, nor remain there without a chair; but his heart and affections appeared to be devoutly engaged, and his whole manner was most interesting. He did not survive many days, but enjoyed to the last the richest consolation from having solemnly and faithfully dedicated himself to his Redeemer. Mr. Harrison preached at the third service. He is a native of New Brunswick; was ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of Barbados, but compelled, by his wife's severe illness, to quit the West Indies. He succeeded the Rev. Gilbert Wiggins in the parish of Portland, of which the most populous portion is a part of St. John's. The congregation he serves most willingly support him. The testimony which I received from the Bishop of Barbados, and my own knowledge of Mr. Harrison's praiseworthy exertions and exemplary conduct, left no doubt on my mind of his fitness for the office of a priest; and I have received from Mr. Simonds, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and a principal proprietor of Portland, a formal bond, by which he binds himself and his heirs to pay £200 a-year to Mr. Harrison, until a permanent and sufficient provision is legally secured to him by the parishioners.

Monday, October 26.—A very rainy morning, but I was obliged to set out at a very early hour for Woodstock (60 miles), attended by Mr. Stirling. We had to face a violent gale, which did great mischief at St. John's and in other parts of the province; and to cross the St. John's River twice—the first ferry is 16 miles from Fredericton. I found it much better appointed than it formerly was, so that our carriage was driven with ease into a convenient gondola; but in the middle of the river we were struck by so violent a squall, that we expected our carriage every minute to be blown over. We were forced down the river far below the proper landing-place, and could not recover our lost ground until the horses were landed, and one of them