

enabled to visit several parts of the Upper and Lower Province, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions in aid of the building fund: about £200 was thus obtained by him; and grants also were received of £50 from the Diocesan Church Society, and £20 respectively from those noble Societies the S. P. G. and S. P. C. K. The church was opened for public worship in 1846. The ladies of the congregation also raised funds, principally by their Sewing Society, for the purchase of the communion plate, and furniture for the chancel, reading desk, and pulpit, &c

The parish of St. Armand West was erected by Letters Patent on the 9th August, 1834. The Earl of Dalhousie was then Governor General, and the Hon. and Right Reverend Dr. Stewart was Bishop of Quebec; his see embracing the whole of Upper and Lower Canada. The east half of lot 81 therein was assigned to the Rev. Rd. Whitwell, as first Rector, for the use of St. Paul's Church, in "the Western Missisquoi Bay parish." The parish of St. Armand East was erected on the same day, and the west half of 26th part of 30, assigned to the Rev. James Reid, as Rector, for the use of Trinity Church, in "the Eastern Missisquoi Bay parish," as the civil secretary terms it. It is only just to state, that the above lands were given as glebes by the late Hon. Judge Dunn, to whom the Seignioriness had been granted for his services to the State. The Seignioriness was commuted, leaving the purchasers of lots subject to the payment of 1s. per 100 acres per annum, when called for: which claim having been recently paid by commutation of the quit rent, renders the land the same as free and common soccage.

As far back as 1832, the Rev. R. Whitwell in a letter addressed to the Rev. M. Townsend, Rector of Clarenceville, strongly urged the formation of District Associations among the Clergy, in conformity with a recommendation which had been given on the subject by the Archdeacon Mountain. Mr. Townsend acquiesced in the plan, and, with others of the clergy, attended the meetings which, I believe, were found useful in promoting glory to God and good-will to men.

Having been recruited in health by the rest obtained through the assistance of his curate, Mr. Whitwell resumed his duties, and continued, though with somewhat diminished physical power, his usual labours until the year 1855; when the Rev. C. A. Wetherall was engaged by him as assistant, who had previously been acting first as Lay Reader, then as Missionary under the Rev. D. Lindsay at Froste Village and Stukely; and he so approved himself faithful that, at the end of his engagement as assistant, he was selected by the Vestry as successor to Mr. Whitwell, on his resignation; which, in consequence of his increasing bodily infirmity, took place in 1856. On that occasion he received a very kind and affectionate communication from his brethren, the members of the Missisquoi Clerical Association, with which he had been so long connected. An address was also presented to him by his parishioners of which the following is a copy, and to which he returned an affectionate reply.

To the Rev. RICHARD WHITWELL, M. A.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We cannot allow you to resign the rector-