

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

MAGDALEN ISLANDS.

This mission is about 70 miles long. It consists of six Islands. Some of these are peculiarly connected by sandy beaches, varying from a few yards to about a mile in width. Along these beaches the Missionary can sometimes travel to his different churches when the way is not too much endangered by quick-sands and openings made by the sea beating across the beachy ridge. For the most part, however, he is obliged to visit his churches by boat. From this circumstance his visits must be irregular, owing to his dependence on the wind and weather. Two of these Islands—Bryon and Entry—are altogether disconnected from the others, and consequently are visited by water only.

The churches are built on the connected islands—one is at Amhurst, one at Grindstone and the third at Grosse Isle. By land they are about 30 miles apart. Two of these churches—the one at Grindstone and the one at Amhurst—were built through the generosity of Admiral Coffin, the proprietor of the Islands. They are completed, and are certainly beautiful little churches. The Rev. John Walters spent no pains to accomplish what good taste and architecture could effect. Carpeting and matting are provided. A splendid set of Communion vessels were also given by the Admiral. The two Churches are two gems amid a surrounding desolation.

The Church at Grosse Isle, as far as it is built, was erected by the inhabitants themselves. A great deal yet remains to be done towards its completion, but service can be held in it during the warm summer months. We hope that, by the grace of God, some kind friends will be raised up to assist in providing it with what is yet necessary.

The Parsonage is built on Grindstone Island, the most central part of the Mission. It was erected at the expense of Admiral Coffin, and by him comfortably furnished. There is also a glebe of 100 acres of land attached to the Parsonage. Of this about 10 acres are cleared and fit for cultivation. Altogether the people have every reason to be thankful to Admiral Coffin for his munificence.

The Protestants on their part are beginning to value the sacrifices made for them both by Admiral Coffin and the Church Society. They are always ready to give their time and labour to the benefit of the Church. Money, also, they will gladly give when procurable. But they are poor. Provisions are very dear and their fish is very cheap. They