

College, with the greatest kindness and respect, was also equally anxious to meet my wishes in this matter, it could not be accomplished—the strength of the wind impeding the steamer so much that she arrived too late in the afternoon. My congregation and candidates had been waiting some hours, but dispersed as darkness was approaching. On Sunday, the 20th of August, we reached the Great Manitouwahning Island, about 12 o'clock, and were cordially received by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara and family, the Indian Superintendent, George Ironsides, Esq., and other gentlemen of the village.

The Church bell was ordered to be rung, to assemble the Indians and other inhabitants for public worship. The service was conducted with great solemnity, and was found by all very impressive. Only five Indians were confirmed; and, indeed, the attendance of the aborigines, compared to former occasions, was very limited. Their crops had in a great measure failed, and most of them had removed to other places more favorable for fishing. There are also other circumstances, not necessary on this occasion to mention, which have kept back this settlement, and in a great degree frustrated the meritorious object which the late Sir Peregrine Maitland, and more recently Lord Seaton, had in view; namely, to assemble in one place all the Indians scattered in small bands, or single families, around Lake Huron, into one village, and give them a clergyman of the Church, a good school, and houses and implements of husbandry. The situation of the village, overlooked by its handsome church, is very beautiful, but not, it is said, favorable for fishing; and, as the natives very much depend on fish for their food, this seems to have proved the first serious drawback to the success of the scheme. We left the Manitouwahning Island at half-past three, for the Sault Ste. Marie, at which we arrived on Monday the 21st, about 1 p. m. Here I expected to meet my friend, the Right Rev. Dr. McCroskey, Bishop of Michigan; but the sickness which prevailed in his Diocese, and especi-