

on account thereof, I would beg that it may be taken into consideration that the Journal of a Missionary over so extensive a sphere the third year, is not likely to abound with incidents of so striking a nature as at first. I have gone over new ground in some parts; and in one place, the Scotch settlement, where are chiefly Highlanders and where English is imperfectly understood, I have not visited so much, but have preached more. Some mention was made of building a chapel in this place, but nothing is yet matured. It would be right to mention here that their own Minister is declining in health and years, and preaching only in Gaelic, is now almost unable to do that; and that the settlement, excepting his occasional ministrations, and of the Methodist preacher and myself, and others casually, is getting into a very destitute state. Whilst the present generation exists, amongst whom are a few decidedly godly people, this may not be so apparent; but religion is not hereditary; the bush, under the most favorable circumstances, is a bad place in which to bring up children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And I am more and more convinced that the state of religion there and throughout the County of Megantic is at best but a day of small things, a shadow of those good things yet to come, when there shall be a more fixed and regular ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, as well as a regular parochial style of feeding the flock of Christ, into which are to be brought, as in days of old, such as shall be saved. I had been led at one time, when I came up the first year, to think I should find religion flourishing like a green bay tree. Preachers abound and hearers also. These will doubtless raise the tone of moral feeling; and I nothing doubt that God's people may be found, nay, I know they are, here and there, "one of a house and two of a family," as "gleaning olives" scattered over the face of the country; but should I say that the object the Society had in view in its first formation,—viz., the supply of the spiritual wants of the destitute settlements,—had been attained, or that their labours during the last three years, by the poor exertions of their present Missionary, had produced that effect they desire, I should mislead them. Much every way is to be done. May they go on "in the strength of the Lord, and in his name set up the Gospel banner, inscribing thereon "glory to God in the highest, and on earth (these desolate parts of it especially) peace and good will towards men."

On the whole, I would conclude by saying that I conceive the Church of England is improving much in the estimation of the people. I would not say her members are increasing *largely*, but I hope they *are* on the increase, though as long as religious wants

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