

REPORT.

In presenting this, their report, Your Committee feel it to be incumbent upon them to explain why they have in some sort departed from the rules of the Society, in having allowed the period of two years to elapse since the last General Meeting.

It will be remembered that they commenced office, under the great and heavy discouragement of parting with their only Missionary the Rev. H. Vachell, on account of severe domestic indisposition. His resignation was so sudden and unexpected that there was no opportunity of providing a successor, and no clergyman being unemployed in the Province, they were obliged after having communicated their wants to friends in England and accepted the agency of Mr. Vachell for the same purpose, to remain inactive. Indeed but for the occasional and voluntary services of Revds. J. Brown and Henry Sewell, both the Settlements and Grosse Isle Quarantine Station must have been totally destitute of the means of grace. It has afforded considerable satisfaction to your Committee to find, that since the commencement of this Society's operations, the Lord Bishop of Montreal has been enabled to place Missionaries at several stations both North and South of the St. Lawrence, which had been previously attended to by this Society. Thus, by the blessing of God, stated provision has been made for New Ireland, St. Giles, and Inverness on the South, and Portneuf, Bourg Louis, and St. Patricks, on the north of the St. Lawrence; leaving to this Society a more restricted field of labor; but one which still offers ample scope for the zealous ministrations of two or more Missionaries.

As the year of 1839 closed with no certain prospect of obtaining a Missionary, your Committee decided on not calling a general Meeting until the ensuing year, before which period they trusted that the Lord in His mercy would send them labourers into this part of His vineyard. They would hope, however, that the following details of Missionary exertion at different periods, commencing immediately after Mr. Vachell's resignation, may not be found uninteresting.

Towards the end of March the Revd. Jos. Brown crossed the River under circumstances of some danger and proceeded to St. Patricks. Having preached at this place to a numerous and attentive congregation, he proceeded on the Monday to Broughton a distance of 30

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