

twenty-four services, preaching at each, and administered the rite of Confirmation in eighteen places. My labours commenced in one of the Missions maintained by the Church Society and closed in the other. In the former, already mentioned as being under the charge of the Rev. J. P. Richmond, I confirmed two persons in a little school-house close to the house in which that gentleman has his lodging. The moulding and training of the people (or such among them as are in a disposition to conform to the Church) remains in a great measure to be done. Matters are in train, however, for the erection of a church in this neighborhood. The spot where the school-house stands goes by the name of Drew's Mills, and is in the town of Hereford. Mr. Richmond has had a rough time of it in this unimproved tract of country, in a winter of such almost unparalleled severity as the present, and marked by such a series of violent snow-storms, causing an enormous accumulation of snow in the roads. And he bore some marks of service in the very visible traces of the effect of frost upon two or three parts of his face. I do believe, however, that he is quite prepared to endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and that he will approve himself wise to win souls. The only other place within his Mission where I held a Confirmation was in Hereford, again in a school-house,—which was within a stone's throw of the territory of the United States. An American Congregationalist Minister, and a good many of his people, came over from their settlement just across the lines, to attend our service. As respects our own inhabitants in the townships, it is very much the custom among the sects and the *unattached* members of the community, to attend every variety of teaching, to which the school-houses are always open. Here I confirmed ten persons. And I may make this general remark, subject, no doubt, to instances of exception, that the recipients of Confirmation are hopeful subjects as members of the Church—not only because the Clergy usually take great pains in preparing them, and because we may look for grace and blessing to attend the ordinance when truly turned to account, but because the notions prevalent among the population at large, err rather on the side of over-strained exaction respecting particular evidences of grace as *pre-requisite* to the use of appointed means, than on that of undue facility and laxity,—which notions have naturally a certain sway and influence over the minds of our own people who are in contact with those who entertain and insist upon them.

In the Mission of Danville, matters are a good deal more advanced. Danville itself is a railway station, and promises