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VISITATION OF THE BISHOP AMONG THE MISSIONS IN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE.

The Bishop of Quebec, accompanied by the Rev. Armine Mountain, one of his Chaplains, embarked on Monday night, August 8th, in a schooner for Gaspé Bay, and in the afternoon of the Friday following, reached the entrance of the Bay, where the vessel was becalmed. His Lordship had reason to be very thankful that Her Majesty's War Steamer Basilisk just then hove in sight, and her commander, the Hon. Capt. Egerton, (a signal having been made from the schooner,) most obligingly took the Bishop and Mr. Mountain on board, and towed the schooner to Grande Grève, within the Bay, where they were landed about nine o'clock, P. M. This accommodation enabled his Lordship to effect certain arrangements which were particularly desirable, respecting the appointments for Sunday the 11th, and other objects which were dependent upon these. The Bishop and his Chaplain were received for the night, at the establishment of Messrs. Janvrin of Jersey, in charge of Mr. Falle, who paid them every possible attention. By the kindness of that gentleman and his neighbors, messages were sent up and down the coast, to assemble the congregation and candidates for confirmation at eleven the next morning (Saturday,) at the Church of Little Gaspé in the immediate neighborhood, a dependency upon the Mission of Gaspé Basin, from which it is distant about a dozen miles. A message had been before sent by boat to the Rev. F. DeLamare, at that place, who received it at 3 A. M., and came down, before breakfast, to Grande Grève. About one hundred persons assembled in the Church and one male and nine females were confirmed. Two candidates were prevented from attending. The Bishop preached from a text in the 2nd lesson, incorporating with his sermon the address to the persons confirmed. In the afternoon, he was rowed up, with the two Clergymen, by a crew of volunteers, to Gaspé Basin, and became the guest of the Rev. Mr. DeLamare at the S. W. Arm, a league beyond, at which place also Mr. Mountain benefited by the hospitality of Mr. Eden.

On Sunday, the 11th August, a Congregation, believed to exceed three hundred persons, assembled in Gaspé Basin Church. Twenty four (nine males and fifteen females) were confirmed. The Church was consecrated, having been made complete in all its appurtenances, and fitted up with remarkable neatness in the interior, in part by the work of ladies upon the spot; in part also by means of the bounty of some friends of the Church in Jersey, whom Mr. DeLamare, during a visit to that Island, had interested in the cause. The burying ground, which has been neatly enclosed, was consecrated after the conclusion of the services in the Church, in which the sermon of the Bishop was made appropriate to the different solemnities of the occasion.

In the afternoon, his Lordship, with his two clerical companions, after having partaken of the hospitality of Mr. McCallum, crossed the Basin and proceeded to the Church of Sandy Beach, four miles farther down the Bay, which lies within the vacant mission of Mal Bay. The Church of this place, which exceeds, in its dimensions, the usual scale of our Country Mission Churches, has been neatly painted, within and without, and wants only the steeple to make it complete. The people

are also building a parsonage-house, which is well advanced, and have pledged themselves, through their Church-wardens, to contribute handsomely, according to their ability, towards the maintenance of a Minister. The Rev. Mr. Smith, (now at Port Neuf,) who left the Mission in May, had previously been engaged in preparing candidates, at the different stations, for Confirmation, and the Rev. Mr. DeLamare has paid such attention to the congregations, in the vacancy, as he could in justice to his own charge bestow. Seven persons, of whom six were females,* were here confirmed, some others having been unavoidably prevented from attending. The Congregation amounted perhaps to a hundred. The Bishop preached, interweaving with his sermon the address to the persons confirmed.

Monday, 15th August.—The Bishop and his companions having returned to sleep at the S. W. Arm, the Church of that place was consecrated in the forenoon of this day. It has been fitted up and furnished in the same manner as that at Gaspé Basin, already described, and precisely by the same means. The Congregation consisted of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty persons. It had not been intended to hold a confirmation here, but four young women, disappointed at other places, presented themselves, with their tickets, and were admitted to the rite. His Lordship charged them, as in other instances, in his sermon. The burying-ground (in which the Church stands) was also consecrated. Portions of the service are chanted in this Church and at Gaspé Basin, and many acknowledgments are due to the parties, (being in each case the same individuals,) who have successfully promoted the cultivation of psalmody. In the afternoon of the same day, the Bishop, with the two Clergymen and Mrs. Eden, the hostess of Mr. Mountain, (a lady who has taken a leading part in all Church matters upon the spot, appropriate to feminine hands,) drove down to Point St. Peter's in the Mal Bay Mission, distant from S. W. Arm about twenty-four miles, stopping by the way to inspect the parsonage-house which is in course of erection at the Basin. His Lordship took up his quarters at the Point with his old and familiar hostess, the widow of the late Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Mountain was indebted for his accommodation to the kindness of Mr. Alexander.

Tuesday, 16th August.—The Church of Mal Bay (within a mile of Point St. Peter) having been, some time ago, burnt down, the Congregation assembled this morning in the school-house. About seventy persons were present, of whom twelve (nine males and three females) were confirmed. The Bishop addressed them as before described, and charged it earnestly upon the Congregation, in the prospect of having the vacancy speedily filled up, to exert themselves heartily in the work of replacing their lost Church by a new and better edifice. He took for his text the latter part of v. 39 of Nehemiah, chap. x. Two of the candidates having recently arrived from Jersey, were unable to understand English, and the Bishop therefore addressed a few words of advice to them afterwards in their own language. In the evening, the Bishop and his two companions were rowed across, accompanied by the Church-wardens, who kindly provi-

* Several young men, in different parts of these Missions, who would otherwise have been subjects for Confirmation, were absent on the Whal-fishery upon the borders of Labrador.