

Early in the year 1790 an attempt was made, doubtless at the instigation of Col. John Coffin—who for years filled the post of Superintendent of the operations carried on in the province by the New England Company—to establish a school for the Indians near his residence* in the Parish of Westfield, Kings County. The teacher appointed was a man named Burrows Davis. The lines on which Mr. Davis proposed to conduct his school will appear from the following communication which we give *verbatim et literaliter*:

"The Honourable Commissioners of the Gospel Board will please to receive my thanks as a testimony of gratitude for the appointment they have been pleased to give me as a Missionary under them and I hereby assure them that I will always use my utmost exertion to do my Duty in that line so as to meet their approbation.

"I have this day obtained the consent of an Indian family, who have submitted themselves to be instructed, and profess great willingness to give up their children to be educated in the English manner.

"The father and mother being old and by no means would part from their children, I have taken home with me to maintain. I intended waiting on the honourable Board myself, but the Situation and Necessity of the Indians were such that I was obliged to get Horses and Slays to carry them immediately Home. Their names are as follows: Joseph Maductic Governor, the Father; Mary Tobec, his Squa.

Scholars Names.	Age.	Remarks.
Fransway Sal	18	With a pappoose, one month old.
Susan Sal (Squa)	18	
Mary Demican,	16	
Mary Angelic,	12	
Joseph Murray,	10	
John Nicola,	7	

" Westfield Parish, County of Kings,
" 26th Jan'y., 1791,
" Burrows Davis.

" Ward Chipman, Esquire."

Mr. Davis appears to have had considerable difficulty in organizing his school, since nearly a year had elapsed from the time of his appointment before he secured his pupils. In August Col. Coffin proposed to discontinue his salary as "his exertions had not been attended with success." Very probably the assistance of Gervas Say secured the attendance of the Indian family whose names are given above and who apparently belonged to Sheffield.

*The substantial house formerly occupied by Col. (afterwards General) Coffin still stands on the "Coffin Manor," so called, a short distance up the valley of the Nerepis.

(To be continued.)

For the REVIEW.]

A Relic of the French Occupation of New Brunswick.

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Of the several periods into which our history falls, the most picturesque, and in some of its phases, the most interesting, is that of French occupation. Yet of this time, particularly in its earlier part, the records are scanty; and almost no visible memorials, not even ruins, are left to us. Hence from its very rarity as well as intrinsic interest, the relic to be described below has especial historic value.

There is in possession of Mr. Archie Hay, of Lower Woodstock, a stone tablet found by him in the burial ground belonging to the old Maliseet village upon the Meductic Flat, near his home. It is of slate, some fourteen inches by seven, and one inch in thickness, and is in a nearly complete condition. Deeply cut upon it there is an inscription which, with the outline of the stone, reduced to one-fourth its natural size, is given in fac-simile in the annexed cut.



In full reconstruction the inscription would read—

DEO
OPTIMO MAXIMO
IN HONOREM DIVI IOANNIS BAPTISTÆ
HOC TEMPLVM POSVERVNT ANNO DOMINI
M DCCVII.
MALECITÆ
MISSIONIS PREFECTO IOANNE LOYARD SOCIETATIS IESV
SACERDOTE.