

His last report says:

I cannot but abound in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God who has so signally blessed our endeavours. When I consider that it was late last winter when we thought of erecting a Church here, and that now we have a neat and comfortable little edifice, with only two hundred dollars to raise to free it from all incumbrance, I can truly say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

And here I would thankfully acknowledge the kindness and favours we have received from different quarters.

We have been presented with a handsome bell from the Church at St. Martin, which I am sorry to say is now closed for want of a congregation.

We have also received a small organ, the gift of Dr. Smallwood, Montreal.

Through Mrs. Monk, Montreal, we have been presented with beautiful white linen cloths for the communion, (and most likely we shall have the

communion service, for which I have applied, but have not received an answer).

From the Church Society we have received a grant of twenty dollars' worth of books, and from the S. P. C. K., though the Rev. Canon Loosemore, a set of Church books. Mr. J. C. Spence, Montreal, has also given us a coloured glass chancel window. Mr. James Allen, from Pot-au-beurre, gave us 250 ft. of deal planks.

Nor must I omit to mention the kind and unceasing interest, which the Rev. Canon Anderson, Rector of Sorel, had all along manifested towards the Mission, and the valuable assistance he has given me by his advice and letters of introduction to some of his friends, when I was collecting.

I also wish to acknowledge the kindness of the Rev. Canon Bond, who, in various ways, has proved a warm friend of the Mission, and has visited it on different occasions.

July 1st.

In — (the place mentioned in the preceding paragraph,) I received much encouragement. Two families have resisted the priest's tyranny.

At Easter he asked all his parishioners, whether they had attended our services. If they said they had, he then made them promise never to go again. However Mr. — and Mr. — would make no such promise, saying that they heard nothing but the Gospel there, and that they thought it a privilege to have it preached there. They went so far as to say, that they had learned more from the few conversations we had had together than from all the masses they had attended since their childhood. Then one of them asked the priest: "Can we obtain faith by our own strength, or must we ask God for it?" The priest said: "We must ask for it, of course." "Well," said the man, "I never knew that until I heard it the other day, at one of these Services which you forbid us to attend."

The priest, who is a very passionate man, then said in a rather angry tone: "Either promise never to go and hear Mr. Fortin, or you shall not have your *pâques*." Both men, and the wife of one of them, immediately said: "In that case you may

keep them." Since that time I have visited them, and found them in a very nice frame of mind. In the same place I baptized the child of a Roman Catholic mother—there were a great many of the neighbors present. They seem to understand and enjoy our beautiful baptismal Service. A Roman Catholic woman, from that place also, has attended the Services of the Church at Sorel, several times since I have begun my visits to — I hope and pray that these visits may have lasting effects for good. It is true it is only here a little and there a little—but we are taught in God's Word, not to despise the day of small things. And certainly these few souls, that may from time to time be rescued from error and darkness, are of inestimable value before God.

The Church at St. Francis is progressing. It is now raised and roofed in.

We have not been obliged to incur debt yet, and it is hoped that we shall be able to collect the funds as they are needed.

May the Great Head of the Church bless this our endeavor to establish His worship in our midst.

Oct. 1st.

Since writing my last report, I have been engaged much as before, viz., superintending the building of the Church at St. Francis, and collecting means for it. I have visited Cacouna, Murray Bay, Chambly, and Sorel with a view of making collections, and I am thankful to say God has highly blessed me in

my efforts. I shall later give you an ample report of all moneys received and spent.

I have to lament the necessity of being so often absent from my Mission. I know the effect is anything but beneficial. Still as one is the path of duty, I trust that God may prevent any evil con-