

APPENDIX.

In the year 1778 died the Rev. Thomas Wood, an Episcopalian clergyman, who understood the Micmac tongue. He was stationed at Annapolis, N. S., but he had previously resided at Halifax. There, at his own house, he attended in his last illness the Abbe Maillard, who was styled "the Roman Catholic Vicar General of Quebec," but who had been for sometime laboring as a missionary among the Micmacs. The Indians to this day revere his memory. At the time of his death the laws of the Province prohibited the settlement in the country of any more Roman priests. The Abbe requested Mr. Wood to read to him the office of Visitation of the sick the day before he died, in the presence of some of his French and Indian followers: and he committed the Indians to Mr. Wood's care, telling them that Mr. Wood's church came the nearest to his in doctrine and discipline. The Abbe died in 1762. Four years afterwards Mr. Wood sent to England for publication a Micmac Grammar, and a translation into that language of the Creed and the Lord's prayer. The Indians used to assemble for worship in St. Paul's, at Halifax, and cases are on record of their conducting their own service, the Chief leading the prayers, and Mr. Wood acting as interpreter to the white people present. (See Sketch of the rise and progress of the Church of England in the British North American Provinces, by T. B. Aikens, Esq., pages 21-23.) It does not appear that Mr. Wood's Micmac works were ever published; and all efforts to recover the manuscripts have hitherto proved unsuccessful.

The efforts thus so zealously commenced by the Church of England, had the same serious defect which has hitherto characterized all Protestant efforts to instruct the natives: namely, they lacked *continuance*. Difficulties, discouragements, and disappointments, have presented themselves in such formidable array as to prove insuperable. This is a reproach to any man, or body of men, professing the primitive doctrines of Christianity. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," was the motto upon the Apostolic banner.

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