

building and to his tireless energy the Mission owes its possessing the two Churches of Shigawake and L'Anse aux Gascons, and also its Parsonage and Glebe. Of the building of the Church at L'Anse aux Gascons we have full particulars. On the 15th September 1867 a meeting of the settlers was held in Mr. Philip Chedore's house at which it was resolved to proceed at once with the erection of a Church. The Rev. P. Torque was in the chair, Mr. Acteson was made Secretary-Treasurer, and a Building Committee was appointed composed of four Chedore's,—Philip, Philip jr., John and Alexander,—together with James Ahier and the Secretary-Treasurer. These good men and true Christians pushed the work through with much vigour. A handsome site of half an acre of the best of his land, directly in front of his own house was given by the father of the settlement. Generous subscriptions were received as a matter of course from the great Houses,—\$50 from the Robins, \$20 from the LeBouthilliers, \$10 from the County Member, \$10 from Mr. Clarence Hamilton. Besides this Mr. Acteson collected about 350 in small sums from his old friends on the Paspébiac Beach,—in all, \$140 was obtained outside the settlement. No grant I am surprised to find was now solicited or received from the Church Society, nor was any money collected or received from Quebec or any other place outside the Mission. With the exception of the sums named above, the people,—to their everlasting honour be it recorded, built this Church at their own cost. They gave the frame and set it up and boarded it in. Of the value of this portion of the work no account was kept. The rest was done by contract and for an amazingly small sum. The outside was finished including doors and windows; on the inside the floor was laid, the Chancel platform made, the Altar set in its place, a Prayer Desk and Reading Desk and Chancel chair provided at a cost of \$225. Towards this Mr. Acteson gave \$40, Mr. P. Mourant \$3.00; the rest was paid out of the Offertory.

The walls and ceiling of the inside were left for the present in their rough unfinished state and continued so for about a generation. In 1885, a grant of \$100 was obtained from the Church Society, and the inside of the Church was finished and ceiled with wood, and painted, and furnish-

ed with neat and comfortable benches.

Of the day when the plain little building was first used there is no record; it must have been some time in the autumn of 1868. There seems to have been no Dedication of any kind beyond the ordinary Service of the day. (Down to this time Services whenever given were held in Mr. Philip Chedore's house.) Indeed, strange to say, the Church, tho' known as St. Philip's and furnished years ago and never in debt, has only now been consecrated, August 12th, 1896.

I have dwelt at some length upon the history of this little wooden Church because it is so creditable to its builders and because it has served so good a purpose (besides its first object as a "House of the Lord God, and a place of Burnt Offering for Israel.") as an instrument in God's hand in holding the people together and keeping them loyal to their true Mother amid strong temptations to desert her.

The list of Clergy of the Mission of which our St. Philip's, L'Anse aux Gascons forms a part is as follows:—

1. From January, 1859 to February, 1863, the Rev. Wm. Gore Lyster, B.A., T.C.D. Then a vacancy of nine months.
2. From October 1863 to November 1868, the Rev. Philip Torque. Then a vacancy of six months.
3. From May 1869 to September 1872, the Rev. James B. Debbage, B.D. Then a vacancy of nine months.
4. From June 1873 to October 1874, the Rev. H. C. Stuart, M.A. Then a vacancy of somewhat more than three years.
5. From November 1877 to June 1879, the Rev. R. I. Harvey, L.S.T. Then a vacancy of fifteen months.
6. From September 1880 to June 1886, the Rev. C. D. Brown, B.A. Then a vacancy of three months.
7. From September 1886 to October 1888, the Rev. F. E. I. Lloyd. No vacancy.
8. From October 1888 to September 1891, the Rev. I. W. Norwood. Then a vacancy of nine months.
9. From June 1892 to September 1893, the Rev. G. G. Nicolls, M.A. Again no vacancy.
10. From October 1893, the Rev. R. J. Fothergill, S.A.C.

Thus it appears that out of the 38 years of the existence of the Mission it has been vacant for more than seven,—a condition