

*To the Editor of the CHRISTIAN SENTINEL.*

REV. SIR,

You may perhaps consider it as an event not unworthy of publication in your valuable Magazine, that on the 1st of April, 1827, Divine Service was performed at the vicarage of Beauharnois, by the Rev. Mr. Townsend.

From the best information that I have been able to obtain, and from every probability, this was the first time since the creation that a *Protestant* congregation bowed the knee to God in this place. The number was small indeed—not exceeding twenty; but when it is considered that, not three years ago, only one Protestant family was to be found here, the increase is sufficiently cheering. Mr. Townsend, who was sent on a mission by the Bishop of Quebec for the purpose of inquiring into the means of religious instruction on the River Chateauguay, afterwards proceeded up that river, and after Divine Service, at two appointed places, explained to the settlers the benevolent intentions of his Lordship in their behalf. At one of these there is every probability that an Episcopal Church will be planted. The earnest and very impressive manner with which that gentleman read the beautiful Church Service produced a powerful effect, particularly in those who never heard it before.

It is but justice to add, that the unaffected piety, and gentle and unassuming manners of Mr. Townsend particularly fit him for such a mission, and the selection is highly creditable to the Bishop.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A SUBSCRIBER.

*Village of Beauharnois, April 21, 1827.*

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In looking over the debates in the British House of Commons, on the bill introduced by Mr. W. Horton for authorising the sale of Clergy Reserves in this country, I was forcibly struck with the observations made by Mr. Baring on the subject of the ecclesiastical state of the Canadas. In support of his observations, ridiculing the idea of attempting to *force* the establishment of the Church of England in these colonies, he has asserted that the Attorney General of Upper Canada, in his examination, two or three years ago, before the House