

The Bishop had allotted some days to the neighborhood of Melbourne, with the view of personally exploring certain settlements, and ascertaining, by bringing himself into contact with the inhabitants, their claim upon the care, so far as it could be afforded, of the Church of England. Accordingly, having been accommodated with the use of Dr. Falloon's horse, he went after service, in company with the Rev. Mr. Balfour, (Mr. Nicolls having passed on to Bishop's College,) who had joined him again at Richmond, to Danville, about a dozen miles in the rear of that village, on the Craig's Road. At Danville itself, which is a village very pleasantly situated and containing a foundry and a factory, there are scarcely any members of the Church of England. Mr. Cleaveland, however, who is of the number, assisted the Bishop in framing his arrangements for the next day, in the early part of which his Lordship and Mr. Balfour proceeded to the Trout-brook settlement in Tingwick, distant about six miles from Danville; and, reaching the little school-house before the close of morning school, were enabled to circulate notice by means of the scholars, of an early afternoon service, to be held in that building. In the mean time he put up, with Mr. Balfour, at a little log-dwelling, farther on, occupied by an Irish family of the name of Ewen, belonging to the Church, where, in a humble and homely way, they procured some comfortable refreshment, everything being remarkably clean, and exhibiting a pleasing appearance of order, in the house. Returning to the log school-house which was just 22 feet square, they were met by a congregation of 60 persons, to whom, after service had been read by Mr. Balfour and a Psalm sung by themselves, the Bishop preached from 1 Thess. v, 16-21. The dwellings of the inhabitants appeared to be, without exception, log huts. There are, within the settlement, seven or eight families of the Church of England. It is not visited ministerially, except at wide intervals, by a Travelling Missionary of the Church. The Rev. Mr. Carry, when acting in that capacity, paid two or three visits in this direction, and the people, expecting him again, had voluntarily collected a few dollars to present to him, in token of their appreciation of his services, but he had, in the mean time, received an appointment of a different nature. His Lordship, on the way back, called to visit an aged lady at the house of Mr. Manning, formerly the residence of the Rev. Mr. Lonsdale, when the experiment was tried of a fixed mission in this vicinity, and then passed on to Danville, where a candle-light service had been appointed in the School-house. The place was exceedingly crowded, not less than 200 persons being supposed to be present, and after service performed by Mr. Balfour, and a psalm sung, the Bishop preached from Gen. vi, 22. Notice had been sent by Mr. Cleaveland to some neighboring settlements in which there are a few scattered members of the Church—but the great bulk of the congregation consisted of Dissenters. The only provision for public worship in Danville is in the hands of Congregationalists, Methodists, Millerites, and Universalists. The Millerite preacher is a tin-smith, formerly a serjeant in the army. The members of this sect now call themselves Adventites. On Wednesday the 28th, the Bishop returned to Melbourne, calling at one or two places, upon persons whom he had upon former visits or but recently confirmed, and who had a serious and thankful sense of their religious privileges in the communion of the Church.

On Thursday 29th, Dr. Falloon drove the Bishop to a place nine or ten miles from Melbourne Village, upon the borders of Ely, where the settlers from the adjacent parts of three different townships wish to build a small Church, and hope for some occasional services. An appointment had been here made and the congregation, to the number of about 50 persons, met in a decent frame-house, the dwelling of an Irish farmer of the name of Armstrong, which afforded a convenience for the purpose, from its unfinished state, for although they were in three different rooms and the staircase was occupied besides, the Bishop was audible to all, and visible to most of them, from the want of the plastering upon the laths

of the partitions. Prayers were said by Dr. Falloon, and after the singing of a Psalm, the Bishop preached from Mal. ii, 5, introducing into his sermon some remarks appropriate to the particular situation of the settlers and the project they have in hand. The Township of Ely is in the Diocese of Montreal; but if the undertaking should be successful, any question thence arising will probably be settled without difficulty between the two Bishops. A committee of three gentlemen in Melbourne, was appointed to decide upon the site, and put matters in train. After partaking of some refreshment, the Bishop returned with Dr. Falloon, to the residence of the latter, which, by a transaction executed by his Lordship during this visit, has become the property of the Diocesan Church Society, in the expectation that it will ultimately be acquired by the congregation, as a Parsonage-house. The Bishop, on the way to this settlement, stopped to inspect the still unfinished Church, which is upon a very small scale, in the Gallup District of Melbourne. One of the Church-Wardens was in waiting. It is now hoped that things will be put in train speedily to complete the work.

On Friday the 30th, the Bishop of Montreal arrived at Melbourne by the Railway,—the Montreal and Atlantic line having been, for some time, completed from Montreal, as far as Melbourne. Their Lordships, together with Mr. Tait, the Church Warden, dined with Dr. Falloon, and the two Bishops then proceeded together, in a hired vehicle, to Bishop's College at Lennoxville, about 27 miles from Melbourne, where they were both received as guests by the Principal and Mrs. Nicolls.

Saturday, the 31st, was chiefly occupied by consultations and discussions connected with the approaching meeting of the College Corporation, and other matters pertaining to the interests of the institution.

On Sunday the 1st Feb. the Bishop of Quebec went over in the morning, attended by Mr. Nicolls as his Chaplain, to Sherbrooke, in order to hold the Confirmation at that place, of which the Rev. Isaac Hellmuth, Hebrew Professor at the College, is in charge. The congregation is large, respectable, and increasing, and the Church was well filled. It was Communion-Sunday; and to avoid lengthening the service too far (there being an afternoon Confirmation to be held at Lennoxville,) his Lordship incorporated his address to the persons confirmed with his sermon, taking for his text Josh: xxiv 22. All the persons confirmed, who were 23 in number, partook of the Holy Communion, and this addition to the number of communicants at Sherbrooke, brings it up to a point beyond 100. Both clergymen officiated in the parts of the service not restricted to the hands of the Bishop. The Church has an organ, and the usual parts of the service are chanted. The interior of the building, according to the observance of ancient custom at this season, was profusely and tastefully decorated with evergreens. As soon as the service was concluded, the Bishop and Mr. Nicolls returned to Lennoxville, where the Bishop of Montreal had preached in the morning. Prayers were said morning and afternoon, by the Rev. W. V. Lloyd, Curate of Lennoxville, in the absence of Mr. Doolittle, who is travelling in Europe for his health. Mr. Nicolls attended the Bishop of Quebec in the Confirmation-service and received the tickets of 26 candidates. Three or four were prevented by illness from attending. The Bishop addressed them, standing before him, from within the rails,—founding his familiar remarks, however, upon part of Heb. vi. 1, 2. The day, altogether, was at once a solemn and a happy day in Sherbrooke and Lennoxville; and a good hope may humbly be indulged that the youthful and other members of the Church, who, here and elsewhere, are about this time sealing with their own lips their baptismal engagements and receiving the apostolical benediction of their Church, will be strengthened for their warfare, as the soldiers of Jesus Christ, against the DEVIL, the WORLD, and the FLESH.

An organ has been recently put up in Lennoxville Church. The male portion of the choir consists chiefly of college students. It is also the established practice that those gentlemen, who always appear in their academical gowns, read, in rotation, the appointed lessons in the Church.