

senger, who was engaged to assist in the little household affairs of Mr. Boyle. A fine moon, for a short time, was with them; but darkness supervened and worse disaster followed; for before midnight, the wind veering round and becoming, at the same time, boisterous, they were obliged, with all speed, to run in shore to anchor, and jumping into the water, gained the beach on foot. After clambering a little broken bank, finding that they were many miles from any house, they got under the shelter of some dwarf and creeping firs which served as some protection from the rain, now coming down in frequent showers, and some of the party managed to collect sticks and make a fire. Here, with the protection of their cloaks, they snatched such sleep as circumstances afforded, the child being the soundest sleeper of the party.

Monday, 12th September.—At the dawn of day the wind was found to have changed again, but some consultation was held, as it blew very hard and the waves ran high, whether the slight and small boat which Mr. Boyle had in use, gave warrant for the adventure of proceeding. It would have created a monstrous and most inconvenient delay to fetch a cart for the baggage and to proceed on foot; and the Missionary himself as well as the two youths who aided him, being expert in the management of the craft, it was decided that the party might, without rashness, embark. They reached House Harbor, in time for a rather late breakfast, and marched up to Mr. Boyle's in such condition and appearance as may be supposed to have been the consequence of the adventures of the night. These details have been the rather given, in order to furnish an idea of the task, generally, of the resident Missionary, who frequently goes from island to island entirely alone and has been known to be out in his boat for a whole night.

Mr. Muncey (mentioned above) has afforded the use of a building on the beach at House Harbor, which has been fitted up with a desk and a few benches for the attendance upon divine worship of the very few Protestants scattered about this part of the islands, and Mr. Boyle gives them their turn of service. A Confirmation was here appointed for the afternoon of this day. Sixteen persons assembled, of whom four were confirmed. The performance of psalmody was provided for without difficulty, the family of Mr. Muncey being all musical. The Bishop preached and charged the recipients of Confirmation as usual. The scene was different from that of the consecration of Fredericton Cathedral; the Church was a small wooden store: the accommodation of the simplest possible kind: the worshippers a little band, the candidates for the holy rite, of course fewer still: but the promise of Christ was not forgotten nor His Grace, it is humbly hoped, denied. And it was indeed a comforting thought and pregnant with matter of thankfulness that the ministrations of the Church have now been fairly introduced among the long and sadly destitute Protestants inhabiting these detached and distant islands, and a beginning has been made which promises, in God's good time, to shew the work of Religion at least keeping pace with the advance, in other respects, of the settlements.

Tuesday, 13th September.—The object in view this day was to reach Entry Island, distant by water twelve miles from House Harbor; but the wind rendered the attempt utterly hopeless. It was agreed, therefore, to make a détour by land, first gaining Amherst Harbor as a resting place for the night. The distance is commonly computed to be thirty miles. Partly by the kind accommodation of Mr. Muncey and that of a French gentleman, and partly by hire from French Acadians, three horses were at length procured for riding, and a fourth to draw the baggage cart; and the Bishop set out on horseback, with the two Clergymen, at one o'clock, p. m. After reaching the *Etang du Nord* where there is a Roman Catholic Church and a kind of straggling village, the road lay for ten miles on the margin of the waves, along one of the tracts of sand-beach which connect the different eminences on which the settlements are formed. At *West Point*, the road ascends a hill, and entering

a wood passes along the cliffs for about fourteen miles. Under the light of a beautiful moon, the travellers rode into Amherst Harbor about 9 o'clock, p. m., and procured quarters at a house kept by one of the Acadians.

Wednesday, 14th September.—The Basilisk was now lying in the Harbor, and with the help of one of her boats, the Bishop and the two clergymen, accompanied by two of the very few Protestant residents of the place, went over to Entry Island this day. The distance is six miles. Notices were sent round among the inhabitants, and after a couple of hours the Congregation was collected at the house of Mr. McLean. Twenty-five persons were confirmed, being about half of the number present. The Bishop addressed them in the usual way. A conference was held, after service, with the heads of families respecting the erection of a Church on the Island, a doubt having been raised whether Amherst Harbor would not be a preferable location,—but the inhabitants of Entry Island decided to carry on the undertaking, by the divine blessing, near their own doors and a very cordial spirit was manifested among them. The two friends, also, who came over from Amherst Harbor, very liberally promised £10 each. Admiral Coffin, the proprietor of the Islands, has kindly promised his help in all enterprises for the spiritual good of the people or the general improvement of their condition.

Mr. Patton, who keeps a school on the Island, was prepared to accommodate the Bishop for the night, and Mr. McLean, a respectable settler, was equally desirous of making Mr. Mountain his guest: but the weather favoring their return to the Basilisk, it was suggested before the meeting broke up, that it would be desirable to go on board at once, instead of waiting for the boat which Capt. Egerton had promised to send in the morning; the continuance of fair weather being extremely uncertain, and the island being quite inaccessible under other circumstances. The requisite number of rowers soon stood forth as volunteers for the service. They embarked accordingly between nine and ten o'clock, p. m., and reaching the Basilisk about eleven, took leave of the Rev. Mr. Boyle and the rest of the party in the boat, who went on to Amherst Harbor. The visitation of the Gulf was now closed; and great indeed were the grounds of thankfulness for its having been so successfully accomplished and for the fruits to be witnessed as well of Christian beneficence on the part of the great Church Societies in England,* as of Missionary labour upon the spot. When it is stated that the Bishop had held eleven Confirmations, consecrated three Churches and four burying-grounds in the District of Gaspé, and had held three confirmations and found a Church so far advanced as to admit of his using it, in the Magdalen Islands, where three years ago he had himself visited places never before trodden by the foot of a Protestant Minister, it will be perfectly understood by those who are acquainted with the subject, that all this imports something more than the facts of the proper completion of certain buildings and the performance of certain ceremonies: and that it carries with it, with every necessary deduction on account of human error and infirmity, much happy verification, (although, indeed, upon a small and humble scale), of the divine promise that *the wilderness and the solitary place shall blossom as the rose*. The number of persons confirmed in the Magdalen Islands, was sixty-one, making a total in the District of Gaspé of 193.

Thursday, 15th, to Saturday, 17th September.—It was a great object for the Bishop to reach Quebec as speedily as might be practicable, in order to hold an Ordination which he had appointed on Sunday the 25th (the Sunday after the Ember-days,) with the candidates for which he, of course, desired to have personally some previous intercourse, himself, although their examination was provided for by means of other official

* The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has maintained the Missions: the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has assisted largely in building Churches and has supplied Church service books as well as Bibles, Prayer-books and tracts for distribution.