

domestic persecution has been faithfully endured, and priestly impurity has been withstood. An aged Englishwoman came to see me, who lives at Machiche, (for the Protestants who make up the little congregation are in part sprinkled about the surrounding Roman-catholic parishes,) and her peculiar circumstances, as she described them to me, might well warrant her appropriation of the Psalmist's lament,—“Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech, and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!”

At the Crête de Coq, I think about nine miles in the rear of the Rivière du Loup, which we passed through in coming from the Lake, there is something like a body, although a small one, of Protestant settlers. The labours of Mr. Guérout promise well: he is both discreet and assiduous, and the word of truth in his hands is the more likely to prevail, because his kind and accessible manners serve to disarm the jealousy and violence which the Protestant minister has sometimes to encounter in what may be called *mixed* families.

I proceeded in the evening to Three Rivers, about twenty-two miles. It drifted violently, and was bitterly cold.

The next day, being Sunday the 8th, I confirmed, and preached twice, in the parish church of Three Rivers. The place was then under the temporary charge of the Rev. Mr. Hacusel, whom I have mentioned in the account of my visit to Shefford, his engagement at the Froste Village school having expired, and the Rector of Three Rivers being on leave of absence in England.

And thus concludes the account of my visitation in the Districts of Montreal, Three Rivers, and St. Francis. Within this tract of country I held thirty-eight confirmations. In 1837, there were twenty-two, exclusive of Three Rivers and Nicolet, for the late Bishop had then very recently held a confirmation at the former place. Within the same limits, there are ten more Clergymen employed than in 1837, four of whom are Missionaries of the Society; and about the same number of new churches are built or in progress, or in immediate contemplation. The confirmations, in general, have been very considerably larger than in that year.

I expect that the district of Quebec will exhibit about eleven confirmations, being an increase of seven upon those performed in the visitation of 1837-8. In Gaspé there will probably be eight, as before. Some of the confirmations in the Quebec district will be very small. The whole Protestant population of Lower Canada is not of any imposing magnitude: but it has a root of future greatness fast set in the soil; and I trust I have here shown that there are attachments and principles already diffused over the country, which not to cherish and support would be sin in the sight of God and man. What the Venerable Society has done, and undertaken to do, for the diocese, is a blessed work; and may God for ever prosper its endeavours!

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