

about a mile,) to beat up the one or two Protestants there. When the hour of service arrived, I was gratified at finding nearly thirty persons assembled, the greater part Roman Catholics, but remarkably orderly and attentive. Several of them asked afterwards whether I could preach in French; however had I been able, there was no time for a second service, for the wind having lulled, the steamer started at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, with the schooner in tow.

There are very few families resident at Tadousac, and L'Anse à l'Eau, and among them only six Protestants.

Tadousac, I was told, is the oldest of the Hudson Bay Company's posts in North America. The chapel, built by the Jesuits, is said to be 200 years old.

Oct. 24. In the morning we had a fall of snow. Reached Rivière au Moulin (2 miles below Chicoutimi, and 70 miles from the mouth of the river.) at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Here I found a kind host in Mr. Forrest, who took me in the afternoon to call on some of the few Protestants.

The people here have only had two ministerial visits during the last six years, one from the Rev. Mr. Rollit, Travelling Missionary of the Church Society, in 1845, and the other from a minister of the Presbyterian Church in 1848. I need not therefore say how glad they were to see me.

Oct. 25. Walked over in the afternoon to Chicoutimi, where I found two Presbyterian families, and some few miles up the river there are two more.

I find that altogether there are in this neighborhood 71 Protestants; 34 Adults, and 37 children, the majority Presbyterians.

Oct. 26. Sunday. Gave a full morning service to a congregation of nearly fifty. A desk spread with ample folds of black cloth had been provided, and a small table, covered with a white napkin, placed by its side, on which stood the white bowl that was to serve as a font. I baptized four children after the 2nd Lesson. It was a touching scene. Here were some of the lambs of the flock, whom the Great Shepherd had sent one of his under-pastors to search for in the wilderness, till he should find them, and whom that Shepherd was now taking into His arms, and laying His invisible hands upon, to bless them. Two of the children were older than usual, and their sweet and solemn faces, their snow-white dresses, and the Saxon cast of their features, might have reminded one of Gregory the Great's exclamation, *Non Angli, sed angeli*.

After the service, I married two couples. A difficulty occurred in one of the cases, for neither of the parties understood English. However, after some delay, a French translation of our own Prayer Book was found, and with that I solemnized the service.

I may here remark that should (as I hope may soon be the case,) a Clergyman be sent to reside among these people, it will be necessary that he be a French scholar. Many of the Protestants, reared from their infancy among the French Canadians, speak not a word of English.

I did not get away till 5, P. M., a meeting having been held after the morning service, to discuss the possibility of securing a Lay-Reader and Schoolmaster. The people guarantee £56, and think another £60 may be raised from school-fees. I think, and sincerely hope that I shall be able to secure for them a competent person.

I intended to ride over to Grand Bay, 9 miles, this afternoon, and to give an evening service there: but I was advised by every one not to make the attempt, in the present state of the roads.

Oct. 22 & 23. Called on several families I had not before visited, and have now seen (with one exception) all the Protestants in the immediate neighbourhood.

Thrown, as they have many of them been, from their earliest years, among Roman Catholics, I was not surprised to find that some of them had fallen away from the faith of their fathers. Most of the children have been baptized by the Priest, and most of the married people have married Roman Catholics. The time of marriage is in particular a dangerous one for persons of little or no clearly defined religious principles: the Roman Catholic party often refusing to consent, or the Priest to solemnize the marriage, unless the Protestant abandon his faith.

There are some lots at Chicoutimi, which Mr. Price secured from the Government for the benefit of a Protestant Church. Some years ago an attempt was made to build a Church at this place, timber was drawn, and some subscriptions were collected, and others promised to the amount of £120; but (from various causes which it is not necessary to detail,) nothing further was done. The people now, however, seem anxious to unite in supporting a Clergyman, and would contribute, I believe, all that could reasonably be expected from their small numbers. This amount, added to what might be raised at the other establishments on the river, would, in all probability, be sufficient to pay nearly the whole of the salary required. A door is indeed, I think, opened here to preach Christ's Gospel to those who are perishing from lack of knowledge.

All possible kindness was shewn me during my short stay here, nor would the good people allow me to leave without making me a very handsome present.

On the evening of the 28th I went on board the steamer, which was to start early in the morning with a ship in tow for Grand Bay. In the night however, a strong easterly gale sprang up, and as the steamer is of very little power, the Captain was unable to face it, and was obliged to give up the idea of taking the ship down. Yet, not to disappoint me, he brought me the whole way round, (20 miles by water) though he had no business of his own at Grand Bay. This was an act of kindness, which I had no right to expect, and for which I felt exceedingly obliged.

Oct. 29. At Grand Bay, Mr. Robert Blair at once extended to me the right hand of hospitality, and introduced me to two snug little apartments, bedroom and sitting-room, which were to be mine during my stay with him. In the afternoon I went round to call upon the few Protestant inhabitants, who all (with one exception) live within a stone's throw of Mr. B's house.

There are 43 Protestants here, 18 adults, and 25 children.

I have arranged to give an evening service whilst I am here, at 8 o'clock,—a chapter expounded and prayer. About 30 attended this evening.

Oct. 30. I was pleased to find they have a school here, (which I visited,) under the superintendence of a respectable young man, engaged by Mr. Blair; and that the Protestants meet every Sunday for service at his house. Mr. B. seems indeed a most excellent person, and is much and deservedly respected. It is doubtless owing in a great degree to his example and influence that the Protestants here are often held up by the Roman Catholic Priest to his own people as setting an example which it would be well for them to imitate.

Oct. 31. Took my leave of the people, and had a full service in the evening.

I purpose starting by a schooner to-morrow morning for Petite Saguenay: I should like indeed to stay over the Sunday, but think I ought not, so late in the season, (and particularly as I have other places to visit,) to lose an opportunity of getting down the river. If I miss this opportunity, I may have to wait five or six days.

Nov. 1. Had a favorable wind, and reached Petite Saguenay, (40 miles,) in 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The schooner, however, started later than I had expected, and it was nearly 5 P. M. before I arrived. Mr. David Price is my host. There are 15 Protestants here, mostly members of our Church.

Nov. 2. Sunday. Gave a full service to about 20,—several Roman Catholics attending. After service I called on the Protestants.

At three o'clock I left with Mr. Price for L'Anse à l'Eau, dist. 24 miles, hoping, when I made my arrangements for starting, that I should be there in time for an Evening service. The wind, however, proved contrary, and we had to pass the night on board. Our craft was a little bateau, cabin five feet square, and there were six passengers.

Nov. 3. At 10 reached L'Anse à l'Eau: at 12 crossed over to St. Catharine's, (2 miles,) just outside the Saguenay, on the St. Lawrence. Found here seven Protestants, scattered about: one of them, who spoke nothing but French, had not seen a minister of any denomination for nine-years.