



THE RECTORY.

Christieville, to say nothing of the church edifice erected for Trinity Church parish, Montreal, in 1840, and the church and parsonage erected a few years later for the parish of Sabrevois. The provision made for the maintenance of the church and school, in perpetuity, will scarcely, I think, find a parallel in this country. By Major Christie's will he endowed the church with \$600 for the clergyman's salary, and the school with \$200 annually, chargeable on the seignior of Bleury; and in addition to these sums (by agreement with the Bishop of Montreal) \$200 annually, in two instalments, to be paid to Christieville parish by the congregation of Trinity Church, Montreal, in return for the church edifice which Major Christie had built for them. The latter Church, however, ceased long since to make this payment.

The congregation of Trinity Church, Christieville, have reason to be thankful for the endowment which they still enjoy and will enjoy through all generations; for, without outside help, they would not be in a position to maintain a church and school of their own. Nor yet can it be said, as may be sometimes the case, that because of this endowment they are less mindful of their duty to contribute of that which is their own than congregations less highly favoured. Over \$500 was raised in this parish last year for church purposes, contributed by less than twenty families. The only condition on which the above gifts were made to the parish was that the right of patronage should belong to the donor, which was vested by him in a body of three trustees, a self-perpetuating body, who, after Major Christie's decease, should choose the pastors of the church. To the same

body of trustees was given the right of appointment of the clergymen of Trinity Church, Montreal, as well. The trustees named by Major Christie were the late Colonel Wilgress, of Lachine; the late Jeffrey Hale, Esq., Quebec; and the late Wm. McGinnis, Esq., of Christieville. The last mentioned gentleman, as Major Christie's agent, was largely instrumental in executing his bequests and benevolent work for the benefit of the parish, and, during the thirty-five years that he was spared to survive him, ever manifested the deep-

est interest in the welfare of the Church, whether as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, churchwarden and lay delegate to the Synod, or as a constant counsellor and helper of the clergyman of the parish. Major Christie died at Blackrock, near Dublin on May 4th, 1845, as may be seen by the memorial tablet over the church door, erected, as it is there stated, "in affectionate remembrance of the founder of this church, their friend and benefactor, by the inhabitants of Christieville." Another tablet in the west wall, erected by friends and former members of this Church, including Mrs. Christie and members of the family of the late Hon. Robert Jones, to the memory of Mr. Wm. McGinnis, bears "loving testimony to a long life of active Christian benevolence, and of wise and faithful supervision of the interests of this community for nearly fifty years." The parish registers furnish further interesting facts respecting the successive Incumbents of the Church, among whom, however, I will only mention the names of a very few.

The first rector of the parish was the Rev. Wm. Dawes, who was appointed in March, 1841. The following are the clergymen who succeeded him, with the dates of their appointment:—

Rev. Joseph Antisell Allan, April, 1843; Rev. E. G. Sutton, January, 1845; Rev. Wm. Thompson, July 1845; Rev. C. L. F. Haensel, May, 1849; Rev. G. M. Armstrong, August, 1850; Rev. J. A. McLeod, September, 1853; Rev. H. J. Evans, July, 1866; Rev. J. Schulte, D.D., March, 1878. He was succeeded by the present incumbent, the Rev. B. P. Lewis, B.A., who was appointed in December, 1878.