

being present in full force. In the following October a bazaar was held to pay for the organ, to which object the congregation of Christ's Church was asked to contribute. Mrs. Macintosh was the organist. The city council had lamps put up in front of the chape'. In May, 1847, a proposal was made to raise funds to meet a pressing emergency in the affairs of the church. On May 10, 1848, the building was injured by fire, but the loss was covered by insurance.

During the first five years of its existence, the congregation increased rapidly, and it was decided that an assistant minister should be engaged. And thus it came that there entered upon the scene of his long labors one who has passed from us within comparatively a few years—the Right Reverend W. B. Bond, late Archbishop of Montreal, and for many years Rector of St. George's. Mr. Bond was asked, in October, 1848, to become assistant minister in St. George's, and shortly after that date he entered on his duties. In the fall of the same year the chapel was mortgaged, and in 1849 additional pews were added and efforts put forward to induce the poor of the parish to attend divine service.

A NEW DIOCESE

In 1850 the Diocese of Montreal was erected and Dr. Francis Fulford was nominated by the Crown as bishop. One of his first proposals was that the Synodical form of government should be adopted. This led to much heated discussion and, oddly enough, the clergy of St. George's were divided in their views, Dr. Leach favoring the Bishop's plans, while Mr. Bond was actively opposed to them. And yet, so highly did Bishop Fulford esteem the latter, that when in 1859 the first Synod of Montreal was convened he requested Mr. Bond to preach the first Synod sermon.

In 1860 the choir underwent considerable reorganization, and Professor Fowler was engaged to take charge of the musical services.

From 1848 until 1862 Rev. Dr. Leach appears to have been closely identified with McGill University and this left to Mr. Bond the main share of the pastoral work of St. George's. He is credited with accomplishing so much in these fourteen years, in the way of organizing various church enterprises, as to give St. George's a unique character for manifold benevolence. In 1862 Dr. Leach retired and Mr. Bond, as a matter of course, became senior minister. At a meeting called for the purpose it was moved by Dr. Scott, seconded by Mr. T. Evans, that Canon Bond having highly recommended the Rev. E. Sullivan as a fit person to undertake the duties of assistant minister, the vestry should concur in the recommendation. The work that this young minister did in St. George's and in the city will long be remembered, and the eloquence of the future Bishop of Algoma still lingers in the ears of some of our older members. In 1869 Rev. Dr. Sullivan resigned to accept the position of Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago, and was succeeded by Rev. James Carmichael, who remained assistant minister until 1879, when he became Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, Ont.

In 1864—Messrs. Hutton and Lindsay being witnesses—a vigorous effort was made to get rid of the debt that had accumulated. Mr. Cunningham had offered to pay off one-fourth of this debt, providing the balance was contributed by the congregation before January 1, 1866. An appeal to the members was successful, the sum of \$3,440.00 being subscribed.