

of Christian Psalms proceeding from its rooms. They ed, and eventually na. The whole ser- o deeply impressed that before leav- they voluntarily ected themselves the small, but de- number, in whose le sanctuary they so unexpectedly themselves. One m, Mr. Thompson, eft behind him a er of respectable adants, who reside ipally in this city its neighbourhood; other, Mr. Fraser, d d to patriarchal, and only recently away, being, at me of his decease, eldest member of hurch of his early

1895 the small so- of 20 members pro- l the erection of a h, with a dwelling e Minister, but it not until two years that the project as- d a practical form. bly some at that ight council delay, lenounces the con- elated erections as ary; and not with- eason. A small so- nable with com- meet the moderate nd of its Minister, certainly not placed e most promising ion for the speedy unction of a church rsonage. Mr. e, however, obtain- subscriptions in the r Province and the rd States, and af- ards went to Eng- where he was large- isted. Montreal did in the person of its diog elder, what es of struggling ches have done , from Gaspe to Sar- n reference to Mont- And nobly has she ended to the de- is made upon her, case during the 57 s of her subsequent ry has she "forgot- e heart of a stran-

e projects, so liberal- vised, were shortly erected, and in 1808 all stone church in e St. Joseph Street (St. Salpêtré) was ally dedicated to the ship of Almighty This first substan- product of Methodist prise still remains e same side of the and in close prox- now living who and who remembers is John Torrance, in 1807, and who be possession of "a

ed to Montreal in nce, but the break- is coming, - Bishop edency; and had as Burch, a British eering to fill the 2 members, would whole of that un- 3 presented a va- the feeling of na- the way, led to an Wesleyan Confer- nity supply. This responded to. The and John Strong, rge, were warmly

received by the people, but found their right to the occupancy of the church questioned by the presiding elder for Lower Canada. When the case came before the British authorities, it was urged by them that the greater part of the amount required for the church and parsonage had been contributed in England, and as the majority of the people preferred, and had formally, solicited the appointment of the English Missionaries, it would conduce to the success of the Gospel were they allowed peacefully to occupy the ground. With a view to an amicable adjustment, the Rev. Messrs. Black and Bennett, two prominent Nova Scotian Ministers, were deputed by the Missionary Committee in London, to attend the Baltimore General Conference in May, 1816. The question how- ever, was, unfortunately, left an open one until 1820, when the Rev. John Emory, American Delegate to the British Conference, harmonized the difference, and made an arrangement satisfac- tory to both parties. Upper Canada to be supplied by Americans, --Lower Canada by British Missionaries.

The Rev. Robert L. Lusher was at this time in Montreal, having been appointed in 1818. He found 80 church mem- bers, and left 122. His im- mediate predecessors were the Rev. Jas. Booth and Richard Pope. Two events of considerable moment transpired dur- ing Mr. Lusher's pastora- te. One was, the hold- ing on the 1st of May, 1819, of a public mis- sionary meeting, the first of the kind in B. N. Amer- ica. The church in Lit- tle St. Joseph Street being deemed too small for the congregation, the meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, St. Gabriel Street, which was kindly and cheer- fully granted for the oc- casion. The preparatory sermons were preached by the Rev. J. Hick, of Quebec, and as a satisfactory indication of forty- six years ago, £22 were collected on the Sabbath evening. The public meeting which followed excited great interest, and was numerously at- tended. Daniel Fisher, Esq., is named as Treas- urer.

The other event was the erection of the first Great St. James Street church, projected in 1810, and opened in 1821, on the site of the present Montreal Assurance Company building. Its style was Grecian, and its general appearance, as well as internal arrangements, were regarded as being exceedingly chaste. It was calculated to seat 1200 persons. The late John Troy, Esq., designed and superintended the erection, and in addition to gratuitous service, contributed £100 toward the cost.

The amount paid for the ground was.....	£1350
For the building.....	3200
	£4550
Less proceeds sale of church in St. Joseph Street.....	£1000
Subscriptions.....	1000
	£2550

Of this balance, £2000 was advanced by Messrs John Torrance and Daniel Fisher, and £500 by Mr. Richard McGinness. Out of the many sub- scribers, only three are now living, viz., John



THE EASTERN METHODIST CHURCH,
CORNER OF SHERBROOKE AND ST. LAWRENCE STREETS.

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Torrance, John McKenzie, and John Mathewson, Esqs. "So passeth the world away." Mr. Daniel Fisher, to whose exertions the St. James Street church of 1821 chiefly owes its existence, was a man of superior piety, inflexible integrity, and abounding benevolence. His contributions were princely. He was suddenly cut down in the prime of life on the 15th December, 1826, in the 38th year of his age. The Trustees of the church erected a marble tablet to his memory, as a tribute of respect to departed worth. It is deserv- ing of note that Mr. Fisher was the grandson of the greatly-honoured Philip Emburg, whose name will live in the history of Methodism as "long as the sun and moon endure." This good man was of German extraction, converted under John Wesley in Ireland, became a local preacher, emigrated with his wife to America in 1769, be- coming, in the providence of God, the founder of American Methodism. He died in 1773, re- joicing in the truth which he had so successfully preached to others. In 1832, his remains were removed to Ashgrove, New York State, the burial place of several distinguished ministers. "Let me" said one of the speakers on the occasion, "die the death, that I may wear the crown of Emburg; let me live the life, that I may win the spirit-watched grave of my departed country- man." The descendants of this devoted man are numerous in these Provinces; and the blessings

of Him who remembers the children's children of those who fear Him is upon them. To have the lineage of an Emburg, or a Black, or of others whom we could easily name, who, in evangelic labours have, in this land, borne the burden and heat of the day," is more to be coveted than that of an ancestry note- worthy only because ac- cidentally the wearers of a coronet, or a crown.

In the communication already referred to, to which Mr. Lusher sent to the parent Society, descriptive of the first mis- sionary meeting, he says: "I am happy to assure you that our cause never wore so pleasing and en- couraging an aspect in this city before. The word of God is reviving and spreading. We have prayer meetings in various parts of the city, and they are found by many to be solemn and refreshing seasons; nearly forty prayer leaders are actively engaged, and I feel greatly encour- aged in my work."

Without being able to linger upon the Ministry of the devoted Hick, the pious Hillsard, the indefatigable Knowlan, the earnest Pope, the gifted Aller or the genial Stin- son, we pass on to the year 1827, in which we find the church in St. James Street giving tan- gible evidence of evan- gelistic vitality, by building a small Mission School in Gair Street, (not an inauspicious name for Christian en- terprise), Quebec Sub- urbs. A class under charge of Mr. John Mat- thewsen having been formed the year previous. After the erection of the building a Sabbath School was established and divine service com- menced. From this nu- cleus has been gradual- ly developed by the blessing of God the pre- sent Montreal East Cir- cuit, with its four churches, three Sabbath Schools, one free day school, and 220 members. "Saw ye not the cloud arise, little as a human hand." This Mission School in Gair Street becoming too small, in 1837 the Hon. James Ferrier with his accustomed liberality and Chris- tian zeal, exhibited during a long life in almost every department of Methodist service, cheer- fully fitted up and placed at the disposal of the Society a more commodious building in St. Mary Street.

During the Ministry of the devoted and suc- cessful Squire whose name is like incense poured forth, Montreal in 1833 had a double visitation, the Asiatic Cholera, which carried affliction and mourning through the entire city, and a memorable outpouring of the holy spirit in which "light and gladness, and joy, were shed upon multitudes," nearly 400 being added to the church. Mr. Robert Kneebaw, an able and energetic local preacher, then recently arrived from the North of England, was in this move- ment, one of Mr. Squire's most efficient co-laborers. The writer has frequently heard this excellent man refer with interest to the scenes of those days.

One of the products of this precious movement was the formation of a Society in Grillin- town, to meet the wants of which, a neat and commodious stone church and parsonage were erected in Wellington Street. The church was opened on the 21st January, 1834, by the Rev. H. Crosscombe, Wm. Squire, and John Barry, all