

The church building at the corner of Metcalfe and Gloucester Streets, belonging to a congregation of Episcopal Methodists, and known as the Metropolitan Church, was for sale, being no longer needed since the amalgamation of the congregation with that of the Dominion Methodist Church, only four blocks away.

The gentlemen above named, finding that the proposal to establish an English Church in that quarter of the city was receiving hearty support, took steps to acquire the building.

The Bishop signified his approval in the following letter:—

OTTAWA, 25TH FEB., 1885.

“MY DEAR MR. MAGEE:—

“I am very glad to know that an effort is being made to procure a Church “of England place of worship on Metcalfe Street, in this city. I have for a long “time considered such a step necessary, and I wish it every success.

“I hope that the purchase of the Metropolitan Methodist place of worship “may be soon effected, and a congregation organized. When that is done, I shall “request the congregation to submit to me two or more names from whom to “nominate the rector.\*

“I am, faithfully yours,

“J. T. ONTARIO,”

“CHARLES MAGEE, ESQ.”

On March 30th, a meeting of those interested took place in the school room, in the basement of the building, for the purpose of organization, Mr. Magee in the chair.

After the chairman had explained the transactions with the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church, and had read the foregoing letter, the following gentlemen subscribed their names as adherents:—Messrs. Chas. Magee, C. S. Shaw, V. C. Nicholson, K. Arnoldi, John Walsh, W. Horace Lee, A. J. Cambie, William Mosgrove, John Bichler, John Ackers, H. J. Hartney, Geo. F. Shaw, J. G. Butterworth, C. D. Graham, C. J. Anderson, John Tilton, R. Adams Davy, Geo. Morgan, C. E. Living, W. L. Blair, W. H. Morgan, W. M. Goodeve, J. F. Shaw, Geo. Rance, James Adamson, R. Constant, John E. Boyd, George Crain, F. C. Lightfoot, A. J. Routh, Alex. Mills, J. Carleton, E. Ash, E. W. Clement, Thos. Beament, R. Surtees, Geo. V. Ince, J. Fletcher Cross, H. Wotley, L. Booth, R. Crain, and F. W. Avery.

The purchase of the building for the sum of \$14,500 was agreed to, and a Committee named to complete the purchase and to carry on such matters connected with the temporalities of the Church as might be necessary until a vestry meeting could be held. Other Committees, to solicit subscriptions towards the purchase, to rent pews, to organize the Sunday School and the choir, were also appointed.

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\*In the original letter the word “first” appeared before the word “rector,” but at the request of the Committee was scored out by the Bishop.