

Believing that, we cordially yielded to your wish to be relieved, and now with great cordiality we commend you to the grace and love of our Heavenly Father, wishing you and Mrs. Chapman and family a safe and prosperous voyage, with every other blessing that He can bestow.

"As a slight token of our affectionate remembrance of your ministry amongst us, we beg your acceptance of the accompanying salver and purse, as a memorial which may in future years recall with pleasure your sojourn amongst us.

"We have not gone outside our own Church organization to seek the aid of others, though we are satisfied that not a few would cheerfully have responded, thinking that you would more highly prize a spontaneous expression of the goodwill and confidence of those waiting upon your ministry.

"Those who have been engaged in actively promoting this object bear cheerful testimony to the uniform cordial expression of goodwill on the part of those who have contributed thereto.

(Signed) "J. C. BARTON, *Conv.*"

(Signed) "R. MACAULAY, *Sec.*"

Mr. Chapman replied with much emotion, referring to the great kindness he had received at the hands of the congregation of Zion Church during the past five years, and to the co-operation he had received in his work. He felt thankful to God he had been permitted to visit Canada. He should go away with the assurance that of those he cared for most on earth not a few remained in Montreal. He was glad to see the work of five years had not been in vain. Turning to Dr. Wilkes, Mr. Chapman said that he had always tried to be to him as a son to a father, and it had been a joy to have won his affection. He had endeavoured to pay him that respect due to age, and due to one so honoured by all the churches. If he had not been able to do for the congregation all that had been in his heart, it was because his desires and aspirations had outrun his physical abilities. He knew there were numbers who had through his instrumentality been converted to Christ, and the knowledge of that would be a cause of rejoicing to him for ever. He also alluded to the Ministerial Association, and to the fraternal

feeling existing among the ministry, and the pleasure he had derived from intercommunication with its members, and concluded by saying that wherever he should go, he should bear testimony to the loyalty and affection of Zion Church.

After a few remarks by the Rev. Mr. Bray, of Manchester, England, who had entered the ministry through Mr. Chapman's influence, the meeting closed in the usual manner, and the Rev. Mr. Chapman mingled with the audience to wish his many friends goodbye.

The rev. gentleman sailed from Quebec for England, on Saturday, the 24th ult., by the *Polynesian*.

MONTREAL WESTERN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—On Saturday afternoon, June 10th, at two o'clock, the memorial stone of the new Congregational Church now being erected on Guy Street, for the use of the congregation now worshipping in Shaftesbury Hall, was laid by Dr. Wilkes, in presence of a large number of spectators, including many of the members of the Congregational Union. The services were conducted by the pastor of the church, who, after the singing of the hymn commencing—

"Behold the sure foundation stone,"

by those present, called upon the Rev. J. F. Stevenson to lead in prayer. The Rev. John Brown then read the 127th Psalm, and the Rev. Charles Chapman delivered an address, explaining that the church was an outgrowth of the work of Zion Church. A Sunday-school had been begun in Shaftesbury Hall, which, through the efforts of some deeply interested in the work, had grown on until, on Sabbath evenings, the Gospel was preached, and now the mission was being perfected in the tangible form in which it appears to-day.

Mr. Charles Cushing gave a statement of the contents of the jar inserted in the stone, consisting of the various city papers of the day, the *CANADIAN INDEPENDENT* for June 1876, some coins, and a history of the Church, &c. The pastor also delivered a brief address. The stone was then laid by Dr. Wilkes, who was presented with a silver trowel, on which was a golden medal bearing