

house to be dedicated to thy service. Bless the work, we pray thee, by thy power and love. May the key-stone, as now the corner-stone, be laid in blessing; and may a faithful congregation soon be here joyfully assembled. Unite them firmer and firmer in the gentle bonds of respect, confidence and love, with the magistrates and their fellow-citizens. Bless this city and all its inhabitants: May they ever seek to do thy holy will, and the blessing will never depart from their midst. Bless and long preserve our royal Sovereign, Queen Victoria: Endow her with the riches of thy grace. Bless the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales and all the royal house.

The ceremony was then concluded by the choir singing the hymn *Danket dem Herrn.**

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes then made a few brief and appropriate remarks. He said he was glad to see the German Protestants of the city make such a successful effort to establish a place of worship where they could praise God in their own language. He spoke, he was certain, the feelings of the Christian Church of Montreal when he expressed these sentiments; it was pleasant, and the Mayor, who was beside him would endorse the sentiment, as a representative of the citizens, to see established in Montreal a congregation speaking another language; praising God in another of the European tongues. He would call upon the Christians of the city to hail this occasion as a new epoch among their churches; and he would also call upon them to assist their beloved friends of another nationality, in an effective way, so that they might be enabled to complete their church as well as the parsonage, they were erecting for their pastor beside it.

The Rev. Mr. Bonar delivered a short address. He congratulated the German congregation on what they had effected. He was glad to hear the choir sing one of those grand old hymns, by which Luther awoke up Germany, and he hoped that such hymns as this and such prayers as they had heard delivered, would still accompany the worship of God in this Church; and that the Gospel would always be preached inside its walls, in the spirit and language of Luther.

The Rev. Mr. Kemp followed. He was glad to stand there, and look upon what the German congregation had performed. He wished them the highest success, and hoped that the best results might flow from their efforts; and concluded by advising them to make every effort to keep their church free from debt, for it was a sad encumbrance to a place of worship, and he was sure that in this respect they would be seconded by their Protestant friends in the city. He concluded by congratulating them upon the fruits of their Christian zeal and liberality.

The National Anthem was then sung by the choir; the bystanders remaining uncovered.

The proceedings terminated with the benediction, pronounced in German by the Rev. Mr. Werner.

* Thanks be to the Lord.