

and purest devotion, it seemed to vie with the choir before the throne. This was followed by an extemporaneous prayer, of deep, powerful, searching confession, supplication, praise, and adoration ; after which another hymn was sung, and then the text was enunciated.

Sergeant Johnson was evidently a man mighty in word ; and the very intimate acquaintance he appeared to have with the scriptures of truth, exhibited to his hearers that he was a workman who needed not to be ashamed,—rightly dividing the word of truth, and affording to each a portion of meat in due season. At the conclusion of these services, Mr. Johnson announced that brother Captain Walters would address them on the following Sabbath morning.

It may be remarked, that, at the time of which we are now writing, which was in the latter part of the year '83 of the last century, there were but very few people who spoke the English language in Montreal except those belonging to the British army, and in the government offices ; and scarcely an individual who made a public profession of attachment to the cause of God—that is, who enjoyed personal religion. Consequently, there was no regular and stated evangelical ministry, in accordance with the revival movements that were witnessed in England. So that it may be supposed that the few persons who had attended the heart-searching ministry of Whitfield and the Wesleys, in England, would feel the want of social, spiritual intercourse, when they were in a foreign land. And such Montreal must have been considered at that early date : although it was then, and indeed had been for some time, under the British rule, its people were foreign in