

Christ. O, is there a man that had but once guided a brother to the Lord—to whom one single person is able to say, "Hail to thee, for thou wast the instrument of my soul's salvation!"—surely that man has not lived in vain!

May, then, in our first German Evangelical Church, the corner stone of which we this day lay in the name of the Lord, the Lord's name long be proclaimed in demonstration of the spirit and of power. May many souls be thereby converted to him, and hallowed by him; and may the love of the Lord spread from the spot on which we tread, like a fertilizing stream, over the whole of our little community. These are the wishes that fill our hearts; these the prayers that we this day put up to the Almighty. Hereto thou help us, O Almighty God and Father! Behold, our hopes and the desires of our hearts are before thee. With child-like confidence, we commit them to thy paternal hands. Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.—Amen.

The Choir then sung the hymn, *Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele*.\*

The Rev. Mr. Werner then proceeded to the place where the stone was ready to be laid, and after reading the passage, Genesis 28, v. 22, and repeating the text, "Unless the Lord build the House, they that build it labor in vain," he took up the vessel, hermetically sealed, containing the names of the reigning Sovereign, of the Governor General, of the Mayor of Montreal, of the Pastor, Elders, and Deacons of the new Church, specimens of the current coin of the realm, and copies of the *Montreal Herald, Gazette, Transcript, Pilot, Advertiser, and Witness*, and placed it in a cavity prepared for it. A tightly fitting plate of brass was adjusted over it, and the mortar distributed with a small silver trowel, which the reverend gentleman held in his hand. The stone was then lowered into its position; and struck three times with a mahogany mallet, wielded by the Rev. Mr. Werner, and decorated, like the trowel, with a blue ribbon.

After striking the stone three times with the mallet, he said: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I lay the corner stone of a building to be here erected and known by the name of the GERMAN EVANGELICAL ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, and to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the Confession of the German Lutheran and Reformed Church, by the services of the holy ministry, and to other religious purposes. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus, God over all, blessed for ever, in whom we have redemption through his blood, and forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Amen."

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER.

The reverend gentleman then offered up the following prayer: Merciful God and father, we thank thee that thou hast been graciously pleased to allow us to commence the erection of a

\* Praise the Lord, Oh, my soul.