

nature of these differences ; they appear to have been taken up in a very serious point of view by the Congregation ; and were followed by an application to the Lord Bishop of Quebec praying that Mr. Tunstall might be removed from the situation of Rector of Christ's Church in Montreal and another Clergyman appointed in his stead. The Lord Bishop seems to have seen the propriety of complying with this request for the following year (1801), we find the Rev. Dr. Mountain who had hitherto acted as the Bishop's official was removed from Quebec and appointed as Rector to Christ's Church Montreal ; while the Rev. Mr. Tunstall was placed in another charge ; and by these judicious steps, the usual harmony was restored.

Matters continued in this propitious course without any occurrence of sufficient importance to deserve notice here, until the year 1803, when a calamity befell the city of Montreal in which Christ's Church was involved. Early in the month of June a fire broke out in an old building which had formerly been the Jesuit's Monastery, but was then used as a gaol, and which stood adjoining the church. Before it could be subdued, the church, together with a number of old buildings which then stood on the site where the New Market place is, fell a prey to the flames. By this disaster the congregation of Christ's Church were again deprived of a place for the performance of divine worship, and although their numbers had been augmented, and they were in general in more affluent circumstances than when the former church had been fitted up, they were still too few and too poor not to feel this as a serious calamity.

Previous to the time we now allude to, the number of persons of the Scotch Presbyterian persuasion who had come to Montreal was so great that they had formed themselves into a congregation and built a church in St. Gabriel Street. As a temporary place of worship the members of Christ's Church applied for, and obtained the use of this church where service was regularly performed, and by that means the congregation kept together.

This step was determined upon at a meeting of the congregation which was held on the 12th of June 1803, a very few days after the fire had taken place ; a promptitude of proceeding which along with their subsequent exertions to get another church erected, evinced their sincerity and determined zeal in the cause. At the same time they wrote to the Lord Bishop of Quebec communicating to him the disastrous intelligence of the burning of their church ; and took some farther steps to replace the loss. For this purpose a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Mountain, the Honble. James M'Gill, the Honble Judge Ogden, Joseph Forbisher, David Ross, Stephen Sewel, and Jonathan A. Gray, Esquires, was chosen to decide upon the requisite steps to be taken in the business.

Upon investigation these gentlemen found that it would be preferable to build a new Church rather than repair the old one, and this opinion on being laid before the congregation was coincided in and carried into effect with as much celerity as circumstances would permit, as will appear in the sequel.

*(To be continued.)*