

HISTORICAL MEMORANDA.

On the 10th March, 1875, 111 members of Zion Church withdrew from that fellowship, for the purpose of forming a new Congregational Church under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., one of the joint-pastors of Zion Church. On Sunday, March 14th, 1875, after an appropriate service conducted by Mr. Stevenson, the Church was duly organised, and Mr. Stevenson was unanimously chosen Pastor. At the same time the Church, by formal Resolution of the united brotherhood, received the name of "Emmanuel Church." As the Church possessed no local habitation of its own, the public services on the Lord's Day were held in the Montreal Gymnasium Building; and on Week-evenings, in the Lecture-Room of Erskine Church. In the month of June, 1875, ground was broken for the erection of a new church-edifice, on a site occupying the corner of Stanley street and facing St. Catherine street.

On April 15th, 1876, the corner stone was laid by the Pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes. To the Pastor a silver trowel was presented bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to the
REV. JOHN FREDERICK STEVENSON,
On the occasion of his laying the
Corner-stone of EMMANUEL (Congrega-
tional) CHURCH, Montreal,
April 15th, 1876.

"Except the Lord build the house, they
labour in vain who build it."

The jar deposited in the corner-stone contained the following:—

1. An Historical Sketch of the origin of Emmanuel Church.
2. A copy of the Church Manual for 1875.
3. A list of the names of the Building and Finance Committee.
4. The names of the Architect and Contractors.
5. Newspapers.
6. Starke's Almanac for 1876.
7. Canada Congregational Year Book for 1876.
8. Various current Coins of the Realm.

On January 14th and 21st, 1877, the building was opened for Divine Service with special Dedicatory Services.

The number of those in fellowship at the close of 1875 was 139.
Increase from date of organization, 28.

The number of those in fellowship at the close of 1876 was 167.
Increase for 1876, 28.