

Soon after the parsonage was completed, the energetic missionary turned his thoughts to the erection of a new Church; a work which was required by necessity as well as by a regard for the decent celebration of divine worship. The existing building had never been properly finished, and after nearly twenty years of neglect it was almost in a state of ruin; its appearance without and its arrangement within were mean and wretched. Something therefore had to be done; and in dependence upon the blessing of Almighty God, his servant resolved that what was done should not be altogether unworthy of the high and holy purpose to which it was to be consecrated. A plan was obtained for a substantial stone church, fifty-six feet in length by thirty-six in width, with a bell-turret and entrance porch at the west end. The cost was to be £600. Towards this the people themselves could do little more than contribute labour in quarrying stone and drawing it as well as the other material required to the site of erection. This they promised to do and they have redeemed their promise. The foundation stone was laid on the second of June 1857 by the Archdeacon of Montreal, when a very large gathering of people assembled from every part of the township to witness the ceremony and to share in the joy which the commencement of the work occasioned. Since then the building has been gradually advancing. The walls are raised, the roof on, the porch built, and the interior plastered, and if the means could be obtained, it would soon be ready for service. All this has not been accomplished without great exertions on the part of the missionary. His time indeed has been wholly given up to the work. He has begged throughout the whole of Canada the means for carrying it forward, and his zeal has animated his own people to persevere, while his knowledge has directed them in the work. He is now happy in seeing the undertaking drawing towards a successful termination. In a letter to the secretary of the Church Society of Montreal, from which he has received a grant towards the building, he says: "Thank God the poor people of the Gore may yet, humbly hope, to have a temple finished, decently and in order," dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, in which they may meet to join in prayer and praise to the Holy, Blessed and glorious Trinity."

To complete this account of what is being done in this mission I should be mentioned that a Frame Church is being erected at Wes Gore, and is now nearly finished, and will when completed be a very neat and comfortable building.

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The Bishop of Columbia writes under date Victoria, Vancouver's Island, Jan. 13, 1860:—

I arrived here on the 6th inst., the Epiphany of our Lord. May my efforts be indeed for the manifestation of Christ to the varied people in this interesting land.

Victoria must be, I think, the most lovely and beautifully situated place in the world. I never saw anything before like it. In summer it