



to the order of the devotions and the responses against the time of the opening of the church. When that time came it was from the frequenters of these services that the congregation was made up. These week-day gatherings were very happy ones, and I believe very blessed ones too—I recall them to mind with pleasure.

A Sunday School was a necessity, and this my wife undertook to form. She was then 21 years of age, bright and active, and she had a particularly winning way with young people. She was well qualified for the work, having been educated in Mrs. Lay's school in Montreal, and having taught a class in St. George's Sunday School and conducted (gratuitously) Mrs. Fulford's free school for boys on Inspector Street.

The Iron Hill Sunday School was a great success. It opened with three scholars only, while other juveniles of the neighborhood romped outside and threw stones at the door; but very soon it numbered sixty scholars. It was indeed the "nursery of the church" in the mission.

A "Sewing Circle" was also formed, and this served to kindle and keep up the interest in church work in the female part of the community.

I lost no time in preparing for the erection of a church. Plans for this had been given me by Messrs. Lawford and Nelson, eminent Montreal architects. Mr. Joseph Benham gave an acre and a half of land for the site. Mr. Hiram Foster of Knowlton, promised \$100 toward the cost, and Bishop Fulford obtained a grant of \$100 from the S. P. C. K. for the same purpose.

A meeting was held on the 15th day of November, 1863, at which the plans for the church were approved and accepted, and a committee formed to carry them out. This