

henceforth be offered up in the Churches of the land with even an increased earnestness.

Before leaving the City the Prince was pleased to direct that a handsome Bible should be presented to the Cathedral as a memento of his presence at divine service within its walls. The present was accompanied by the following communication from General Bruce.

MONTREAL, 1st Sept., 1860.

MY DEAR LORD,—The Prince of Wales commands me to request your acceptance on behalf of the Cathedral of Montreal, of the accompanying copy of the "Holy Bible," as a slight memorial of his visit to that fine edifice and attendance on your service.

The Bible contains on the fly leaf the following inscription in His Royal Highness' hand-writing :—

"Presented to the Cathedral of Montreal in memory of the 26th August, 1860.

ALBERT EDWARD,  
Prince of Wales."

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#### AN ACCOUNT OF "CHRIST'S CHURCH" IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL.\*

On the conquest of Canada by Great Britain, in the year 1759, and the disbanding of the troops subsequent to that event, many of the soldiers who had been engaged in that struggle preferred remaining in the country rather than returning to their native land. After the definitive treaty was signed, by which Canada was ceded to England, this Colony became an object of attraction to the British merchant, and many who were engaged in commercial pursuits turned to it as the scene of their operations in that line. These two causes combining had the effect of bringing to the country many members of the English Church, who soon after settling, discovered the necessity of procuring Clergymen, in order that they might enjoy the benefit of public worship according to the tenets of the Church in which they had been educated. The greater portions of these had settled in, and adjoining to the principal Towns in the country, and of course these places were the first to which Clergymen were appointed. Three of them were sent out together and appointed to Quebec, Three Rivers, and Montreal. The gentleman who was stationed in the latter place was a Mr. Delisle a native of Switzerland and appears to have been the first Church of England Clergyman who was regularly settled in that city. There are no documents or records from which we can learn, the mode in which the application for this Clergyman was made, whether it was by petition direct to the Primate of Eng-

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\* We reprint this account of the early history of what is now the Cathedral Church of the Diocese from the "Canadian Magazine" of the year 1825. If we are not mistaken, it will be read with interest by the members of our Church generally as a record of facts which are closely connected with the introduction of the Church of England into the Province of Canada.