

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.*

We concluded our last notice of this Church with the completion of the building, but not without a heavy debt upon it. A few years after this event the church people at Hochelaga made an earnest entreaty to the Rector for a service there. The request was complied with by giving them an evening service in the school-house at 7 o'clock. This measure resulted in the erection, in the course of a couple of years, of a neat stone church, in which all the Protestant denominations there assisted; at this time the Rector had the services of a regular assistant minister, besides the evening lecturer who was also Chaplain to the forces in Montreal.

After Christ Church was finished, so rapidly did the congregation increase that it was found necessary, in the course of a few years, to have an evening service at seven, in the National School House, for the accommodation of those who could not procure seats in the Parish Church; and soon the school-house proved insufficient for that object. An adjournment of that service to the Parish Church was therefore resorted to, and thus sufficient accommodation for all was afforded for the time.

In the course of two or three years after this, earnest calls were again made for additional church room. Then it was that the late Major Christie came to the rescue, by offering to erect Trinity Chapel at his own expense; and, all preliminary conditions being arranged with the Bishop of the diocese and the Rector of the parish, the chapel was speedily erected, and was opened for Divine service on the 12th April, 1840, the Rector preaching the opening sermon. The Rev. Dr. Bancroft is the present Incumbent.

Although additional accommodation was thus provided for some six hundred persons, it was soon found that there existed, in the St. Ann's Suburb, a considerable population destitute of the means of attending the services of the church. A large upper room was therefore procured in that quarter in which Divine service was commenced, morning and evening, by the clergy of the Parish Church, on the first day of May, 1842—and was continued there until the erection of a commodious stone chapel in 1845—when an incumbent was provided, and who, from that time became responsible for the duties of St. Ann's Chapel. We may as well state here that this chapel was destroyed by fire about three years after its erection, and was speedily rebuilt under the name of St. Stephen's Chapel, now under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Ellegood.

We should perhaps have stated before, in the due order of time, that the clergy of the Parish Church established the services of the church in a school-room at Laprairie, where one of them officiated once every Sunday, until a church was built and an Incumbent provided. This was several years prior to the erection of Trinity Chapel.

St. Thomas' Chapel, built by Thomas Molson, Esq, and originally in-

* See p. 55, v. ii.