

for several years, the lane has become public property.

The work of building the Church and College was begun here in 1855. In the June following the corner-stone was laid, and in September the Community took possession of both. Thus in September, 1856, St. Basil's Parish was established, while the College retained the name of St. Michael's.

A graphic account of the opening of St. Basil's Church and St. Michael's College appears in a Catholic journal of the day. We cannot do better than give it in full. It is taken from *The Toronto Mirror*, of Friday, September 19th, 1856, under the caption, "Opening of St. Basil's Church on Clover Hill," and reads as follows:—

"On Sunday last, the 14th instant, an important event occurred in our civic history, the opening of one of the finest collegiate churches in North America, destined, like Stoneyhurst in England, to be a haven of the Faith whence the angelic messengers of