

SERMON.

PSALM CXXXV—21.

"Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord."

These words express the grateful feelings of the Psalmist, awakened by the remembrance of God's gracious dealings toward his ancient people. In the review we take to-day we shall find abundant reason to make them heartily our own.

Although this congregation, which bears the name of the American Presbyterian Society of Montreal, was not organized until 1823, the denomination had been represented here at a much earlier date; for the first Presbyterian Church of this city held its earliest connection with the General Assembly of the United States. That congregation, composed of persons of both American and British birth, and belonging to different branches of the Presbyterian Church, was formed in 1790, and soon secured the pastoral services of Rev. John Young. He, although a native of Scotland, and a licentiate of the Established Church, had emigrated to the United States, and in 1787 had been ordained by the Presbytery of New York as pastor of the churches at Curry's Bush, now Princeton, and Schenectady, in that State. In 1790, when the Presbytery of Albany was organized, he became by his location a member of that body, and soon after came to Canada. In 1791 his new congregation in Montreal petitioned to be taken under the care of the Albany Presbytery, and remained in that connection until June, 1793, when it was dismissed to unite with the new Presbytery of Montreal, the first body of the kind in this country.

We find also that in Upper Canada, or, as we now say, Ontario, Americans were the religious pioneers. So early as