

# CHURCH CHRONICLE

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"Men speak not with the instruments of writing, neither write with the instruments of speech, and yet things recorded with the one and uttered with the other may be preached well enough with both."

HOOKER. Bk. V. c. 21.

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### CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH AT GORE, CANADA EAST.

It is now about ten years since our regular services were commenced at this Mission. Previous to that time, our Church was without any service for about two years. From many circumstances, the field appeared a peculiarly difficult one, and the prospects very discouraging. From dire necessity, the missionary and his family on their arrival, had to occupy apartments in a house devoid both of respect and comfort. Near to which was a dilapidated building in which the people met for Divine worship; a house in every respect most forbidding in its appearance, comfortless, cheerless and dangerous. Hence we saw our need of a new Church, one more appropriate for Divine worship. We consulted together; we looked for heavenly direction; and we finally determined to make an effort and ascertain how much could be raised in the Gore by subscriptions. An effort was made, our expectations were more than realized by the amount subscribed, and we decided to build. But we decided with trembling; the cost would not be less than £600. However, with liberal aid from abroad, a neat commodious church has been erected, capable of seating 350 persons. The building is plain and simple, it is entirely of stone, measuring fifty-six by thirty-six feet; the windows and doors are simple Gothic.

We remember the toil and trying scenes we have passed through in achieving the work of building in this rugged settlement a temple for our God. It has kept us generally busy, and part of the fruit of our labor is to be seen in the erection of a comfortable parsonage, as well as this sacred edifice, in which we would worship the God of our fathers. But our means are exhausted, and it is estimated that about £75 are required to complete our undertaking. Therefore, the sympathy of Christian hearts for this poor scattered congregation, is earnestly solicited,