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Church. About this time it was deemed necessary to open a mission for the growing population of Point St. Charles. This work, which at first was personally conducted by the incumbent of St. Stephens in addition to his own parochial duties, has developed in course of time into the large and flourishing parish of Grace Church, which is now under the able administration of the Rev. Dr. Ker, and is one of the most active and important centres of Church work in Montreal.

As time went on there were increasing indications of a westward movement of the population, which would call for church accommodation in a hitherto unoccupied quarter. It was to meet this need that the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips gave a piece of ground on St. Catherine street, then in the midst of green fields, this gift being at once augmented by another from the heirs of the Mackay estate. Besides an additional donation from Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, the latter built the tower and spire in memory of a beloved brother. She also gave, shortly before her death, a costly chime of bells, and remembered the church in her will by a gift of \$10,000, this being all in addition to various smaller bequests which were made at different times.

The Church of St. James the Apostle, thus generously helped at the outset, was soon completed, and was opened on the 1st of May, 1864. The present rector, Rev. Canon Ellegood, M.A., was appointed by Bishop Fulford, in accordance with the wishes of all concerned.

Since its foundation the history of the church has been one of steady growth and increasing influence. A mission was opened at Cote St. Paul, which has been devotedly served, as a

labor of love, by Dr. Leo H. Davidson, Q.C., for nearly twenty years. Later on, another mission was opened in the lower part of the parish, which is inhabited by a poor population. This was successfully worked for some time by the Rev. Samuel Massey, and was reopened a year ago at Richmond Square, where the work is being carried on by lay readers, with the aid of the parochial circle of King's Daughters, who have charge of a weekly mothers' meeting, and who perform the work of district visitors, besides interesting themselves in various ways in the welfare of the people.

In 1892 the growth of the population seemed to demand the erection of a chapel of ease in the western part of the parish. Being opened on Advent Sunday, it was called the Church of the Advent. With the Rev. H. Kittson, M.A., as curate-in-charge for a year past, the little church has made great strides, and has now a large and growing congregation.

The rector of St. James the Apostle has thus been spared to see the fruit of his labors in an amount of visible success which it is not given to many men to enjoy. The fabric of the church itself has shared the general growth and improvement of the parish. In 1891 an extension was added to the west end of the church; and, this proving insufficient for the growing needs of the congregation, a north transept was added recently. At the same time the schoolroom was greatly enlarged, improved, and supplied, as well as the church, with electric light.

The original vestry—ecclesiastically south of the chancel—has been enlarged by Mrs. Bowie in memory of her father, the late Mr. W. E. Phillips, and has been furnished with all the needful appointments as a chapel for week-day services. It has been used for daily prayer since Advent, as well as for saint's day celebration of the Holy Communion.

Among the appointments of the church which call for special mention are the silver communion service, of great beauty and value; a handsome Caen-stone pulpit, presented by the late Mr. Harris in memory of Bishop Wilberforce; a brass eagle lectern given by the late Mr. Gilbert Scott in memory of Bishop Fulford; and the reredos, erected in memory of the late Mr. Robert Anderson, for some time treasurer of the diocese.

Besides the circle of King's Daughters, already mentioned, which has been recently organized, a valuable parochial auxiliary has existed for many years in the Ladies' Aid Society, which works for missions and for the poor of the parish, besides taking care of the surplices for clergy and choir. Another flourishing and efficient organization is the Ministering Children's League, which was instituted some six years ago, and has done much good.