

ing in this total, contributions of £60 from the Incumbent, and of £50 each, from Sir Richard Jackson, and from R. Harrower, Esq., and a bequest of similar amount from the late Mrs. Jackson, widow of the former rector. Generous contributions were also largely obtained from friends in Quebec; from the military in Canada; from the late Lord Metcalf, and among a few from England, was one of £25 stg., from the late pious Queen Adelaide, in recognition of her late royal husband's visit to Sorel, and of its bearing his name, which, however, by a recent act of the Provincial Legislature has since ungraciously been taken away.

The foundation stone of the church, called like the former 'Christ Church,' was laid with appropriate services by Lieut. Gen. Sir R. D. Jackson, K.C.B., on the 16th of August, 1842, in the presence of a large concourse of the parishioners, of the staff and officers in garrison, and of several of the surrounding clergy. In a cavity of the stone was deposited a sealed bottle, with some of the current coins of the realm and a parchment bearing the following inscription:—

"The corner stone of the foundation of this church, which is the second on the same site, was laid on this 16th day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1842, by Lieut. Gen. Sir R. D. Jackson, K.C.B., Commander in Chief of the Forces in British North America. There were present and assisting at the ceremony, &c., &c. Glory to God alone." The church is a remarkably neat and commodious structure. 75 feet long and 42 feet wide, with Gothic headings to the doors and windows, with a centre and two side aisles, and two small vestry rooms, on either side of the chancel, and a gallery at the western entrance, and is surmounted with a well-proportioned spire and belfry, in which latter is suspended the bell used in the first church of 1784, and which, therefore, merits the frequent boast of the parishioners, of being the first Protestant bell which ever sounded in Canada.

The building was rapidly completed, and on the 30th of May, 1843, in the presence of the Commander of the Forces, and of a large congregation, it was solemnly consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the Right Rev. Doctor George J. Mountain, Lord Bishop of Montreal. The solemnities and interest of the day were further increased, by the administration, at the same time, of the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to forty candidates.—The Rectory, a neat two-story brick building, with pinnacles and projecting front, was erected in the same year, adjacent to the Church, and was ready for occupation in November 1843.

In the following year, an effort was successfully made to procure an organ for the Church, to which Sir Richard Jackson, with his customary munificence, contributed one hundred pounds. But its solemn tones were soon to sound a funeral dirge over himself. In June 1845, this kind-hearted and generous Christian officer died suddenly in Montreal; and in accordance with his own previously expressed wish, his remains were conveyed to Sorel for interment, and followed by the Right Hon. the Earl Cathcart, and all the military heads of departments, with the organ, mainly his own gift, pealing forth the solemn strains of the Dead