

But Quebec was not destined to be left without a Church bearing practical witness to the simplicity and glory of Apostolic order and principles. The Colonial Missionary Society was formed in 1836, in connexion with the Congregational Union of England and Wales; and its pioneer and agent, the Rev. H. Wilkes, visited Quebec in the spring of 1837, to ascertain what remnants there were who loved the order and fellowship of the primitive churches. He found several, and on representing the matter to the Society, they sent forth the Rev. Timothy Atkinson, of whose labours and success we must write hereafter. Meanwhile the details we have given, illustrate very powerfully the importance, yea, the necessity of such an organization of the churches at home and abroad, which, whilst it does not in the slightest measure trench on their independency of each other in their respective interior management and discipline, binds them into a holy brotherhood for mutual defence, mutual relief, and united propagation of the truth.

Mr. Atkinson arrived in Canada late in the autumn of 1837, and being cordially received by the above-mentioned remnants, together with a few who had gone thither from Montreal, he speedily commenced his ministry in the capital of Lower Canada. A room over an auctioneer's establishment in a central position was hired and promptly filled up by zealous friends, and was duly opened for public worship on the last Sunday of November, 1837. Mr. Atkinson's ministry was intelligent and earnest; accordingly, it was soon appreciated by increasing numbers. A site was purchased in Palace Street at a cost of £960 currency, which, however, was allowed to lie on the property at six per cent. interest, and an elegant and substantial stone structure was erected, in the Gothic style of architecture, at considerable cost. At this present the writer cannot lay his hand on the amount expended. The friends on the spot made sacrifices in order to erect the building, contributing "to their power, yea, and beyond their power;" and even then they had to ask some aid from friends in the United States, which was cordially afforded. This was obtained at the latter half of the year 1840. The following autumn was distinguished by the meeting of the Congregational Union of Lower Canada at Quebec, and on the 17th October, 1841, the new church building was opened by public services, the pastor and the writer preaching on the occasion: the latter from the text, *Psalm* xxvi. 8. The Lord greatly blessed the infant cause by considerable additions to the membership, and by a greatly increased congregation. This was a period of much prosperity, for which there was a general disposition to thank God and take courage. For a year and a half, or more, great unanimity and energy were exhibited.

If the unfavourable should be noted as well as the opposite, certain unpleasantnesses within the flock should have mention, disturbing its peace for a season, and interfering with its advancement. The summer of 1843 was the period of this chilling influence, while the commencement of that year had been marked by the withdrawal of Mr. Atkinson from the list of *missionary* pastors, the grants to him from the Colonial Missionary Society then ceasing. It is only due to him to say that this was of his own motion, and that while the congregation contributed liberally to his support considering their ability, his private resources had to be largely drawn upon. In the spring of 1845 our much esteemed brother Atkinson left Quebec and Canada for the United States, where he still lives and labours; and soon the Rev. James Drummond removed from Brockville and became the second pastor of the Church. During his incumbency grants from the Colonial Missionary Society had to be renewed. He toiled with characteristic zeal and energy