

St. James' Methodist Church,

St. Catherine Street, Montreal.

A Brief Sketch by the Senior Pastor.



HIS beautiful structure is the result of the growth in our people, of the love of fine art, and the development of that sentiment which demands the best we have for God and His work. The present edifice is the fourth in a series of churches built for St. James' Congregation. The first church was humble enough. In 1803, the Rev Joseph Sawyer came to Montreal from his circuit on the Bay of Quinte to see if a Minister could be stationed here. In accomplishing the journey he rode through forests for about 250 miles. He found a few Methodists waiting for a stationed Minister, and in 1804 Samuel Mervin was sent to them. In 1807 the congregation built their first church, on St. Sulpice Street. In 1821 the second church was erected on the corner of St. James and St. François Xavier Streets. The congregation rapidly increased in