

## APPENDIX.

### HISTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

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Very soon after the arrival of Mr. Geddes, the people began to take steps for the erection of a Church. In June, 1835, the first public meeting was held at the office of the late John Law, "for the purpose of furthering the erection of a Protestant Episcopal Church." At this meeting one site was offered as a gift by the late George Hamilton on upper John Street, another by the late Nathaniel Hughson on the East side of James Street North, and another by the late Allan N. Macnab. After many meetings and much discussion, the James Street site was decided on, and a building committee was appointed, consisting of George Hamilton, Edmund Ritchie, Daniel C. Gunn, Miles O'Reilly and Allan N. Macnab. Architect Witherall furnished the design and the work was commenced, Jonathan Simpson being the contractor.

In 1836 the erection of the building was commenced. Difficulties, which it is unnecessary to enumerate, here interfered with its speedy construction, and it was not until July 31st, 1839, that the Church was opened for public worship, Rev. R. D. Cartwright, of St. George's, Kingston, preaching the opening sermon. The city papers of that day gave long accounts of the opening ceremonies, and congratulated the people of Hamilton on the possession of "one of the handsomest Churches in British North America—a lasting credit to their piety and liberality." To show the light in which the old Christ Church building was regarded, Rev. Alexan-