

at the discipline, and leave it, or remain in it, its warmest advocates. Habits of order, duty and obedience once acquired by the young, are enduring qualities. They often mould the future of young lives, and the happiness of homes. These habits it is the aim of the Church School for Girls to form and establish, for 'FAITHFULNESS IN SCHOOL DUTIES' goes far to ensure FAITHFULNESS IN HOME RESPONSIBILITIES."

The Report of the Directors on the financial position of the school is, to say the least, striking. It has to be borne in mind that this Church School for Girls at Windsor, Nova Scotia, is only eighteen months old, and yet it has not only paid its way but has a money surplus, (with available assets) closely approaching \$3000, arising from excess of income over expenditure. This shows what may be done in the way of the higher education of girls and young women in a Church school by Church teachers.

The School Dairy has produced during the year 13,411 quarts of milk, besides 80 lbs. of butter. The stock list now amount to \$29,044 of which no less than \$24,097.32 has been paid to the Treasurer.

The Directors propose to add ten practice rooms, a drawing and painting room and a large assembly hall and gymnasium to the establishment. A laundry is nearly finished by which a saving of about \$400 a year is anticipated. The washing bills amount to about \$900 annually, more than one third of this amount will probably be saved by the construction of a laundry provided with all modern labour saving improvements.

These details though seemingly unimportant yet lie at the base of successful management. The prize list for the present year is again enriched by the liberality of the Synod of the diocese of Fredericton, and the gold and silver medals contributed by the Bishop of Nova Scotia. The Bishop of Fredericton defines the subjects for competition in the case of the Synod of Fredericton's prizes. The joint working of these two dioceses in the establishment and management of a large Church school for the education and training of girls and young women is a notable instance of harmonious and successful co-operation.

## CATHEDRAL CHURCHES

Sermon Delivered by the Rev. Dr. Norton at Christ Church Cathedral Montreal.

At Christ Church Cathedral on the 30th ult., Choir Sunday was observed, the musical portions of the service, both morning and evening, being of a special character. The choir of the cathedral, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Edgar Birch, organist and choirmaster, rendered the music selected for the occasion in a most praiseworthy manner and with due devotional feeling. The Rector of Montreal, the Rev. Dr. Norton, preached at the morning service, and taking for his text, Corinthians, 10-31. "To the Glory of God," delivered an exhaustive address on the uses of cathedral churches. The reverend gentleman said:

The principal uses of an ordinary church are for the worship of God, for the administration of the sacraments and ordinances of Christ, and for the preaching of the Gospel. But over and above these a Cathedral Church has special uses and responsibilities. It is important for us to understand these: for God permits you and me, for the time being, to worship in, and to administer, a true and permanent Cathedral Church of the great Anglican communion, in a

great and growing city, and in a new country. To make the Cathedral of this mercantile capital of our Dominion shine in its place, with a pure, and strong and steady light, to the glory of God, and to the comfort of all who love Him—and to hand it down to honor and usefulness, and enshrined in the affections of all, to the far off future centuries—this must be our object, our hope, our ceaseless effort, our prayerful heart-desire.

We cannot be too deeply impressed with the extent and permanence of the work for God which lies before this Church. It will interest you to know that the existence of the Diocese of Montreal; its ecclesiastical independence of Quebec; the validity of our first Bishop's appointment; the rank of our town as a city of the British Empire; and the cathedral dignity of Christ Church as the permanent Cathedral Church of this city and diocese, rest upon the same foundation, the same legal instrument, the same charter. This church is, therefore, in the fullest sense a Cathedral proper; and as such it has always been recognized by this diocese and ecclesiastical province. It has had the nearest gift to immortality that can be conferred upon it—namely, the perpetual dignity and

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CATHEDRAL.

The permanent character which the Christian Church impresses upon cathedrals proper is intended to center around them the affections and the cordial support of the dioceses in which they are situated and for which primarily they minister. It also invites endowments for their equipment, and is a guarantee for the proper application of such endowments for the centuries to come.

We are thus brought face to face with a very great responsibility, and a very practical question: How can this Cathedral be used to promote the glory of God and the good of man? It may be so used in various ways: a few of which I shall now bring before you.

(I.) First, the Cathedral should be a centre of unity in the diocese.

Besides the ordinary limited parish with cure of souls attached to the Cathedral, there is also attached to it the Bishop's parish, *parochia*, which is the original name of the whole diocese. As Dean Hook points out, "the Cathedral Church is the parish church of the whole diocese," so much so that persons attending the Cathedral services are esteemed in ecclesiastical law to be attending "the parish church," wherever they reside. And by being enthroned in the Cathedral the Bishop takes possession of his *parochia*, or diocese. As the ministrations of an ordinary parish church are intended to promote reconciliation, "love and charity," in its own parish, such should also be the influence of the Cathedral in the larger sphere of the diocese.

The Cathedral is, moreover, the "Mother Church" of the diocese. This was in ancient times the loving name most often given to cathedrals, "The Mother Church." A true mother is a bond of family unity as long as she lives. And the "Mother Church" should have a mother's loving heart for all the daughter churches, however independent and divergent their courses may be. The Cathedral and its administrators must not be narrow or partizan, must not mix themselves up in the small strifes and jealousies of ecclesiastical factions. "The Cathedral," says the present Archbishop of Canterbury, "should maintain a wide policy in church government." All, however unhappily divided elsewhere, should be able to meet in love and peace, and should receive an equal welcome within her sacred walls. The Cathedral has no jurisdiction over the daughter churches, but can aid them in promoting God's glory in many ways; and "the greatest of these is love."

(II.) Further, a Cathedral ought to be for the whole diocese a model of correct and beautiful sacred architecture, a worthy pattern for church builders, a true "type of the spiritual Church

which God has reared." But it may be objected,

### HOW CAN MERE ART GLORIFY GOD?

What can cold beauty of form have to do with worship, "the golden chain which lifts us to God?" I answer that sacred architecture, if really correct and beautiful, has a powerful effect especially upon refined and cultured minds; it elevates and purifies and solemnizes the thoughts; it suggests ideas of the eternity, the majesty, the omnipotence, the presence and glory of God; and thus true art becomes the handmaid or worship. And, therefore, by direct creation in the bright world above, and by implanting the instincts of true art in men's hearts here below, God Himself has from the beginning impressed wondrous beauty upon all true worship, by a universal law, seeks to express and sustain itself by chaste and noble forms of beauty.

The Canadian Church Year Book, 1892, describes "Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal," as "unquestionably the most beautiful specimen of Gothic architecture in Canada, if not on the continent." The ladies of another diocese, who attended the meeting of Provincial Synod here last month, have published an expression of their kind appreciation "of the service held in Canada's most beautiful Cathedral." And experts in ecclesiastical architecture constantly remind us that this cathedral is unsurpassed in purity of taste and correctness of style. It is a priceless heritage. If the people of this city and diocese lost it, they would discover, when too late, that the utter neglect of such a Cathedral is a grave mistake. And yet this sacred and precious work of art would not have been standing to-day if it had not been for the devoted and unaided efforts of this one congregation, especially during the past eight years. The greatest bishops in England are never weary of pointing out how rapidly the finest churches fall to pieces if they are neglected. We want in this cathedral what they have in so many of the cathedrals at home—an endowment whose interest shall be applicable to the repair of the fabric and to no other purpose. Surely, to maintain such a sanctuary as this, and to hand it down to future ages vitalized and equipped for its noble ministry, is a work for the glory of God and the good of men.

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## News from the Home-Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### AMHERST.

The Bishop of the diocese, last week, consecrated three new and beautiful churches in missions connected with the parish of Amherst. One of these, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tidnish, will seat 180 persons; another, the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, Fort Lawrence, 200, and the third, the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, River Philip, 180. The Rev. V. E. Harris, who is endeavouring to establish three new parishes in the country districts about Amherst, is to be congratulated upon the success which has crowned his efforts. The new churches are amongst the most beautiful in the country parts of Nova Scotia.

Twenty-four persons were recently confirmed by the Bishop in the mission churches about Amherst. They were in most cases prepared for the Apostolic Rite by Mr. H. I. Lynds, lay reader, under the direction of the Rev. V. E. Harris.

#### PUGWASH.

At Colbeck in this parish, Bishop Courtney on All Souls Day, consecrated a pretty little Church