

The Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

This College was founded in the year 1873, by Rt. Revd. Ashton Oxenden, D.D., then Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of Canada. He makes the following reference to it in his autobiography:—

"I at length felt justified in taking a step for the good of my own Diocese. I decided on establishing a Theological College in Montreal, for the training of our candidates for Holy Orders. With this view I procured from England the aid of a first rate man, Mr. Lobley, a late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, who undertook the office of Principal. He was a good and able man, and in the face of many difficulties which he fearlessly surmounted, he started the College, which has now become a prominent and useful feature in the Diocese. On his subsequent promotion to the Principalship of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, he was succeeded by Dr. Henderson, under whose steady and unflagging superintendence the College still flourishes." (Extract from "History of my Life," 1891.)

The step was forced upon Bishop Oxenden, by the rapid growth of the Church in the Diocese, and the impossibility of securing in any other way a satisfactory supply of clergy to meet the increasing needs of his Diocese.

The work of the College began in the Library of the Synod Hall, and was carried on there for eight years, when a more suitable building was provided by the munificence of A. F. Gault, Esq., who purchased the property, 896 Dorchester street, now occupied by the Young Women's Christian Association, at a cost of \$23,000, and presented it to the College in trust.

There the work was continued under much more favorable conditions, as a permanent home was provided for both Principal and Students. Additional funds were raised which secured the appointment of a resident Tutor to assist the Principal, and provided remuneration for different clergy of the city who lectured regularly in the College. Among the first lecturers were the late Rt. Revd. E. Sullivan, D.D., formerly