

The mere luxury of hearing, the mere lust of the ear, were deprecated, and allusion was made to the time, the industry, and the money spent annually on the development of the art of music for secular purposes, and the necessity of so holy a gift being religiously exercised in rendering praise to the Creator as well as pleasure to the creature, in "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

Exhortation was specially made, to the choristers that no hurried manner in Church might disqualify them as acceptable worshippers, that they would allow no unchristian manner and demeanour to cause offence to the devout and the pious, that they would not despise their own youth, and think irreverence no crime because they were young. Samuel was instanced as younger than any boy in the choir when he lay down in his place in the Temple of the Lord, heard God calling to him, and answered, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." It was maintained that their services in the Temple were not less honoured, nor less honourable, nor less responsible than were Samuel's of old, nor Samuel's privileges and opportunities of growth in grace superior to theirs. So that Samuel was preached to them as a pattern and an example, and their responsibility set before them.

In conclusion reference was made to the solemn associations and inspiring thoughts of the House of God, setting forth that the services of praise, however imperfect, were intended to prepare for the Services of the Church triumphant where all would be gifted with song, all voices swell the melody of heaven, uttering a perfect language, and joining in a worship spiritual, pure, and true, prolonging the notes of the lofty anthem,

"as the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

THE LATE BISHOP OF GEORGIA.

At the recent Anniversary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Montreal, the Rev. Canon Balch, D.D., at the close of his address, alluded to the decease of the late Bishop of Georgia, the Right Rev. S. Elliott, D.D., and said:—

"My Lord,—I can scarcely trust myself to dwell on one of the reasons why it has become my duty to speak to-night. You are aware that the late Bishop of Georgia had promised to be present, and favour us with his godly counsels. I knew him well, and loved him dearly, and felt singular gratification in the anticipated pleasure of letting the Church in Montreal see and hear one of whom it is no disrespect to the venerable House of Bishops to say was '*primus inter pares*.' Of noble and commanding personal appearance, gifted with colossal mental powers, endowed with the choicest and rarest graces which become a prelate, it may be truly said—'*Nihil tetigit, quod non ornavit*.' He has gone to the grave mourned by the whole Church, and his diocese has wept for the loss of a father. But could that glorious spirit, redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb, sanctified by the Holy Ghost—could he be present to-night, as his purpose was, if allowed by the Providence of God,—sure I am, he would bear testimony, fresh from the joys of Paradise, to the all-absorbing claim of Christian Missions, and bid us be faithful unto death, in preaching the Gospel of Christ."