

But it is on more general grounds that I invite you as members of our Church to take your share in this grand enterprise ; the Cathedral is not a Parish Church ; it has more than local interest and claims. It is the Spiritual Home of the whole Diocese. What the Church is to the Parish, the Cathedral is to the Diocese—the centre of religious life and activity. Every member of the Church, wherever his customary residence may be, should feel, when he comes to the See-City, that there is a sanctuary there to which he has a right as the common heritage of all the sons of the Church.

Whilst asking you thus to enable us to carry out the design of completing what, for all intents and purposes, will serve as the present Cathedral of the Diocese, I would not forget that there are other even more important objects for which the Chapter need the contributions of all earnest well-wishers to the Church. Chiefly the creation of an endowment fund for two or more Missionary Canonries. In the conditions under which our work has to be done as a Colonial Church, no agency is more urgently needed than a staff of experienced, devout, and spiritually minded men, free to go, under the directions of the Bishop, to any Parish or Mission where counsel or assistance is required. And there are no other means for the maintenance of such a staff than the provision of a permanent endowment by donations in land or money, or of income by annual subscriptions.