

ful influence of the bishops. Before any bishop is enthroned, and as a preliminary part of the Enthronement Service, he is required to take the "Oath to defend the rights and privileges of the cathedral." In this Enthronement Oath (I copy from the translation used at the enthronement of the successive Bishops of Montreal in Christ Church Cathedral), the bishop not only pledges himself in detail to do all that the title of the oath expresses, but he also concludes by promising further that he will never use his influence, in things lawful, against the Cathedral, but always for its advantage and honor:

"OATH TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE
CATHEDRAL."

"I, ———, having been appointed and consecrated Bishop of this See of Montreal, do solemnly swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that, as far as in me lies, I will well and truly direct and govern this Christ Church, the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Montreal, according to the rules and ordinances thereof; and the property, rents, issues and profits, rights, privileges, and liberties thereof, and generally all things movable and immovable, thereunto belonging, I will well and faithfully keep, defend, and preserve, according to the laws and regulations of the said Church, and cause by others to be kept, defended and preserved; and the rules and ordinances of this Church by our Sovereign Lady the Queen enacted, in what relates to me, I will well and truly observe, and cause to be diligently observed by others; and I will not knowingly prevent or impede anything which may be lawfully done for the advantage and honor of this Cathedral Church, but both will study to promote. So help me, God."

Many great and holy bishops have distinguished their Episcopates by great services rendered to the cathedral churches of their dioceses.

In England, the property of the ancient cathedrals has so largely increased in value that the parochial assessments and other charges towards their maintenance have long since "fallen into disuse." Frequently, however, the wealthy English cathedrals are renovated or adorned