

Montreal cannot dispense with a Cathedral Church, and it requires one that shall correspond with its present importance, and its future wants. As you represent me in the affairs of the Diocess, place yourself at the head of this mouvement as if you were indeed myself. »

As you see, *Monseigneur de Montréal* gratefully accepts the aid proffered by his Clergy for the rebuilding of his Cathedral, and looks upon this step as a sign that it is God's will that he should commence the work of its restoration ; and to shew how warmly I for my part applaud the act of the Clergy, I cheerfully accept the order given me by His Lordship to put myself at the head of the movement, as if I were indeed himself ; for with the powerful help promised by the Clergy whom no doubt the faithful will also strive to rival in generosity, I feel assured of success. And here is my opinion as to the steps to be taken so that all the faithful may with ease contribute towards the execution of the projected work. I say *all* the faithful, for the Cathedral being the Church of all the Diocesans, no matter in what part of the Diocess they may reside, it is but proper that all should contribute towards its construction. It is therefore a *Diocesan* work ; it will remain also a monument of the OEcumenical Council of the Vatican, since it is in the year of its opening that the Diocess has taxed itself for the purpose.

It is usual in the rural parishes to make about Christmas time a collection called the collection of the *Infant Jesus*. Well, this is the contribution that I ask for from the faithful of the rural districts whilst we are building the Cathedral, since that contribution appears to me to bear the least heavily on them, seeing that they are accustomed to make it every year, and that the Parochial Clergy will not be obliged to impose a new burden on themselves, since every year they visit each family in their several parishes, whilst the Churchwardens take up the collection.