



THE OLD CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,
MONTREAL.

Agreement, dated June 12th, 1875, the relations of the bishop and the rector in the Cathedral were adjusted and defined. At visitations, confirmations, ordinations, meetings of Synods (Diocesan and Provincial), general thanksgivings and general fasts, the services of the Cathedral Church and the appointment of preachers, are under the direction of the Bishop, who gives all his orders and directions concerning the Church to the rector, upon whom rests the responsibility of carrying them out. On all other occasions, the rector's authority in the cathedral is the same as that of a rector in his church in England. In 1883, Rev. Dr. Baldwin, who had some time before been appointed Dean of the Cathedral, was elected Bishop of Huron; and early in the following year, the Rev. John G. Norton, M. A., was appointed his successor as Rector of Christ Church Cathedral and Rector of Montreal.

"Though the site of the cathedral is ill adapted to display the fine proportions of the building, yet the building itself is beautiful for elevation, while its contrasted masonry of gray and white sandstone, rich with corbels, and carvings, and fretwork, bears fitting testimony to the unity of the artist's plan, as well as to the completeness of the builder's work. The exquisite spire rising skywards, like the monument of a saint, is well adapted to excite serious and awaken slumbering thoughts. The delicacy of its design, the harmony of its proportions, and the Mosaic brilliancy of its contrasts, captivate the

imagination and exact tribute from the mind. It is beautiful to behold when bathed with 'the gay beams of lightsome day,' but it is glorious to gaze upon when the city sleeps, in the hush of night, when the stars are brightest, or when the moon is abroad. At such a time, when all is still, the whole building seems to be spiritualized, and capable of stirring the deepest feeling. It suggests holy musings, recalls saintly memories, and creates heavenly hopes. Thus may this mute minster prompt successive generations to consider the 'living stones' of which that temple is built that is 'not made with hands.' Thus may this monument of the just point its 'silent finger to the sky,' and with even more than a preacher's power, direct wayward youth, ambitious manhood and enfeebled age, to the life beyond life, the source of virtue, and the end of toil."*

THE Diocese of Montreal comprises the following counties: Bagot, Shefford, Brome, Richelieu, St. Hyacinthe, Rouville, Iberville, Missisquoi, Vercheres, Chambly, St. John, Laprairie, Napierville, Chateauguay, Huntingdon, Beauharnois, Soulanges, Vaudreuil, Berthier, Joliette, L'Assomption, Montcalm, Montreal, Hochelaga, Jacques Cartier, Laval, Terrebonne, Two Mountains, Argenteuil, Ottawa, Pontiac, all in Quebec.

Cities. Montreal, St. Hyacinthe.

Towns: Sorel, Hull, St. John's, Farnham, Lachine, Longueuil, Joliette, Aylmer, Chambly, Lachute, Valleyfield, Beauharnois, St. Jerome, Berthier, Buckingham, Laprairie, St. Andrew's, Granby, Knowlton, Huntingdon.

FROM the summary of Church work in the "Church Year-Book," it appears that members of the Church of England raise and spend on Church objects just £4,000,000 a year, of which not quite half a million goes to Foreign Missions directly. Thus, for every guinea spent on churches, parsonages, schools, additional clergy, etc., at home, only three shillings is devoted to evangelizing the world. Taking it that seventy per cent of the population belong to the Church of England, I find that each Church family gives to Foreign Missions three shillings a year; that of every £1,000 of churchmen's income, 13s. 6d. is given to Foreign Missions; and that for every £1,000 of rateable value belonging to the Church people, 40s. is given, or less than a rate of ½d. in the pound. Who would hesitate to vote for a rate of 1d. in the pound for a free library? and yet the total contributions to Foreign Missions are less than a half-penny. It may perhaps be said that not many people are rich enough to give more. My reply is that the ninety London clubs have 80,000 members, who pay annual subscriptions exceeding half a million pounds, while the Church contributes to Foreign Missions less than half a million—*Mr. S. Gedge.*

*From "The Last Three Bishops Appointed by the Crown," by Fenning Taylor.