

ple Ritual of the Cathedral service of the Church of England. The Ritual which has given so much offense in England has never been found in our Cathedral Churches there; the solemn simple Ritual of the Cathedral service everyone accepts.

3rd. We expect from our Dean a welcome when we come up to visit our own Mother Church, whether we be clergy or laity: the country clergy made to understand that they are welcome home and admitted to an honored place in that worship which is the worship of the whole diocese, and therefore theirs.

4th. We look to our Dean to be our leader in many things—in everything that pertains to the development of the true life of the Church, in the great work of missions for example, that this parish, leading the whole diocese, may take a higher and still higher place in that work so dear to the heart of our Blessed Lord.

But it may be said, How can the Dean, with his large laborious parish and the endless calls upon his time, and energies, which it involves, give himself so absorbingly to the Church's worship?

Certainly this is impossible, and it would be most unreasonable to expect it. But with this ideal before him, with this knowledge of what the Cathedral system demands, with the true loving desire to make the services of this Church a Cathedral service in the true sense of the words, and with the sympathy and support of his people, he will accomplish much.

There are three things about this Cathedral Church which cannot be denied and ought never to be forgotten 1st. That this Church is a Cathedral Church, not a parish Church, but only lent to the parish for a time; 2nd. That the idea and intention of Bishop Jacob Mountain, its founder, was to make it a Cathedral Church at once, with a Cathedral service in the strictest sense of the words, and that for this end he urged upon the British Government of that day that they should at once provide for the endowment and maintenance of the Cathedral Body. 3rd. That he established at once, upon the consecration of the Church, this much: of a Cathedral service, viz., a musical service with a surpliced choir of men

and boys—a paid choir—the expenses being defrayed by the Parish; and that this service continued here for forty years.

Therefore the Dean must do his best, and you, my brethren, must support him in his efforts to make the honor with which he is invested not a mere empty name but a reality: to restore to us that of which we have been spoiled; to make the services of this noble Church Cathedral services; to carry out, in short, what the great Bishop who inaugurated the Cathedral system in this Church and diocese desired it to be.

That the Dean will do what he can on these lines we may be well assured. The daily service of Mattins and Evensong has long been established here. The Dean's duty and delight will be to make those daily services more and more attractive in dignity and beauty, more and more what the daily service of the Church of God should be.

And what a treasure that would be! No one who has never witnessed them could rise in imagination to the dignity and heavenly beauty of the Cathedral services of our Mother Church in England. The Bible tells us to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"; and there you have it. The calmness, the sense of rest; the soul melting sweetness of the Psalms and Hymns and Anthems—the freedom from self-consciousness on the part of the choir—form a whole which of itself seems to lift up the soul to God, and fill it with His presence.

II. And now I pass to the other side of the question.

The Dean is also Rector of the Parish of Quebec, and as such his duties are confined to this one congregation.

Yet even so, his position is quite unique. For this parish of Quebec holds a position of interest and importance in the Canadian Church shared by no other.

1. First it is the Mother Church of the Diocese. It is so in the strictest sense; and the Mother Church of large territories beyond those limits, even if we may not claim for it the honor of being the Mother Church of the whole of Canada. The whole diocese and every parish in it; all its churchly work and its unexampled progress and development have