

LADIES' SCHOOL.

I am happy to say that we have broken ground in reference to the establishment of a Ladies' School, by the commencement of a building at Dunham, in connection with the Church. This will meet the special wants of the Deanery, whilst it should commend itself to the cordial support of the whole Diocese. I should be glad if the still greater and more important work of a large Church School here in Montreal could be commenced.

MISSION FUND OF THE DIOCESE.

As to the Mission Fund of the Diocese, whilst I feel no positive uneasiness about it, I must needs urge my brethren to much greater exertions.

The state of things at present is this: Our actual expenditure on the missions of the Church exceeds, and if our missionaries were adequately paid, it would very far exceed, our receipts. This cripples us in our onward progress. The church cannot extend herself territorially as she might, and ought to do, for lack of funds. Never since I have presided over this Diocese has the field been so fair, and the real work of God so promising as it is at this moment. The attitude of our clergy is that of men waiting to be led on to greater triumphs. The opportunity is before us; let us seize it. Oh that our hands may not be paralyzed, and our knees enfeebled, for want of support! The members of our Church have yet to learn the luxury of giving for Christ's sake. They contribute money to our hospitals and other charitable institutions; and perhaps this is because they can actually see the immediate fruits of their giving. And for the same reason they spend money on individual churches, with which they are immediately concerned; again, they support with a free hand their own clergyman, in whose work they are interested, because that work is carried on before their very eyes. But when we plead with them for the Church at large, or Diocesan work which is beyond the field of their vision, their bounty forthwith slackens, and they seem to forget that there is a great and glorious work, which ought to interest them as much, or more than that which is being carried on in their own immediate localities.

Oh that God would enlarge our hearts, and make us feel that we are members of a great spiritual Body, depending for success upon our prayers and efforts!

I wish very earnestly to call the attention of the Clergy and Laity to the importance of this Fund. Humanly speaking, the prosperity and extension of the Church depends upon it, and their hearty exertions are needed for its effectual collection. What we want is a regular weekly contribution from every Church member, whether rich or poor, and given through the Offertory as a gift to God.

And since the entire management of this Fund is in the Executive Committee, I believe it to be of great importance that this Committee, which is elected annually, should have the entire confidence of the Diocese. A body having such extensive powers must always be open to attack and be subject to censure. But as regards the past, I may truly say that I