

Particularly, should we seek the young, and I press upon my reverend brethren the great value of serious attention to Confirmation, the statistics of which in this Diocese continue to be unsatisfactory. Not however, by increasing the number of our confirmees, but by careful preparation shall we best promote the good of souls, the conversion of the ungodly, and the real progress of the Church. The absence of religious teaching in public schools, renders it the solemn duty of the Clergy to supply as far as possible this sad deficiency. Classes for catechizing and instruction in practical godliness, and in doctrines the foundation of good morals, ought always to be part of the parochial work.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

Since erection of a new Cathedral is of special interest to the Synod as being the Parish Church of the Diocese, and a centre of large work for the benefit of all, it is satisfactory to know that after an open competition between both English and Colonial architects, the eminent British architect, Sir Arthur Blomfield has selected a design as possessing the chief merit of all those sent in, and which recommends itself also to ourselves as being the plan of a Victoria competitor, and which will probably be accepted by the Cathedral committee. This design follows the plan of the ancient Cathedrals of the Church of England, those magnificent ornaments of our mother-land, which in our time are happily centres of spiritual life, presenting models of the beauty of devotional worship, seats of chastened learning, and sending forth from pulpits occupied by the most distinguished preachers of the day, utterances of sound doctrine and defence of the Christian Faith.

Our new Cathedral will not of course compare in point of size with them, though on a site not to be surpassed anywhere, with a length of 236 feet, a tower and spire of 275, but it will be a most commanding, impressive and noble pile, erected for the worship and glory of God, and many may hope to see all the great objects - theological, educational, parochial and devotional - undertaken and carried out by a ministering and teaching body of learned and faithful Clergy, for whose support in process of time, ample provision may be secured.

Since connected with the Cathedral will be the duties of a Parish, it will be necessary to define the respective position of the Clergy engaged in diocesan duties, and of those more particularly devoted to the spiritual care of souls immediately around.

This is a question which has caused trouble and painful litigation in several branches of the Colonial Church. Considerable anxiety is felt on this subject by some not belonging to