

advantage whatever was derived by him or them, unless it was the advantage of obtaining favourable terms in the purchase and generous treatment in their building operations. No member of the syndicate was then or at any time a member of the Chapter.

Objection was also made to the site as being remote. Some, at least, of those who were at first of this opinion, upon visiting it and fully considering it, withdrew their objections. One of such persons was the late Hon. George W. Allan. This objection has, however, been constantly urged for many years, usually by persons who did not trouble themselves to examine the matter, but gradually with less force, and it must be now regarded as wholly unfounded, for the Cathedral now stands in a closely-built district of residential character, and which will always be of that character, and in the very heart of the city, for it is very nearly equidistant between the extreme western and extreme eastern limits of the city as they now exist, and is but a short distance north of the central point between north and south of the residential parts of the city, which are also steadily extending northwards. It is central also as regards population east and west, being near the dividing line in that respect. It is also convenient of access from all parts of the city, by three street railway lines. One of these lines affords easy access to and from the Union Station, the time required for the trip being about twenty minutes, and cars running at very short intervals.

When the site had been purchased and building was about to be proceeded with, the scheme seemed to be generally popular among churchmen excepting such as were influenced by the objections stated and did not make enquiry as to whether they were well founded or not, or in some cases by local interests or indifference to any enterprise of a general diocesan character. The amount required to make a beginning was readily subscribed. Additional subscriptions were obtained freely from persons of all classes and schools of thought in the Church, and probably representing every parish in the city. But after a time, when the enterprise seemed to be proceeding successfully, it was found that very determined efforts to hinder it and to prevent its being carried through were being made, and consequently it became very difficult to obtain further contributions to the required funds. The difficulties thus created and their results are well known and need not be enlarged upon.

A serious set-back to the work was also caused by the setting in of a period of great financial depression, which rendered many friends of the Cathedral unable to render the support to it which they wished to do. Although this period of depression has long since passed away, its results as regards the Cathedral are still felt, for it is well known that an undertaking of this kind, if hindered, takes a long time to recover its ground.

In this memorandum it is not intended to offer observations on the desirability or necessity of a Cathedral, but it is assumed that a properly constituted Cathedral is a requisite part of diocesan equipment, and the purpose of this paper is simply to state the history and circumstances of the Cathedral as now existing in this Diocese.

In the resolution of Synod, to comply with which this paper is written, St. James' Cathedral is referred to. It is not proposed here to refer to St. James'