

of the Synod and by the Chapter, attempts were made to secure for the establishment a Home in some one of the existing city Churches; but difficulties presented themselves which were found to be insurmountable, prominent among these being the parochial organizations, parochial interests, and proprietary pews. It thus became necessary to seek an independent site for the erection of Cathedral and other Diocesan buildings, which should be of sufficient size for all future requirements. After many negotiations, such a site was finally secured in December, 1884, from the proprietors of the St. Alban's Park Estate. It consists of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and the purchase price was \$10,488.

A necessary feature in the Cathedral scheme was felt to be the residence of the Bishop within the Cathedral precincts; indeed, the only way in which it is to be naturally expected that the work of the Cathedral should take shape and develop is by starting from the spot where the Bishop is established, as a centre, and gradually grouping its various forces and agencies round that nucleus. This consideration led the Chapter at an early stage to open negotiations with the See-House Committee. Their overtures were courteously received by these gentlemen, whose cordial co-operation resulted in the transfer by the Chapter, by way of contribution to the See-House Fund, of a portion of the Cathedral Close, consisting of two frontages of 100 feet each, with a depth between of 300 feet. This lot has been deeded to the Synod, and the See-House has been erected upon it.