
CHURCH NOTES.

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Before this number reaches all our readers, the Bishop will have returned from England. The Diocese and Fredericton will welcome him back, hoping that his brief holiday will have done him much good.

The celebration of the Queen's diamond jubilee has come and gone. After a period of great excitement, things are now settling down again to their usual condition. There have been many congratulations upon the progress of the Empire, and the marvelous advancement in every branch of human activity. Not least has been the conviction of the true growth of the Anglican Communion.

The past sixty years has seen a wondrous revival in the power and influence of the Church of England in the world. From the time of the Reformation, when she struck off her fetters, and, retaining her identity, her continuity and her property, she brought herself back to the primitive model and determined to make that her special appeal, she has had her vicissitudes and her trials. Various causes have combined to cripple her energies and retard her development. But the end of the 19th century finds her strong and waxing stronger, extending herself into every part of the world, multiplying her bishoprics, consolidating her powers, and offering yearly a more undaunted front to the blatant or specious attacks of the ene-

mies of the Faith once for all delivered to the saints.

The presence of 200 bishops at the Lambeth Conference is an evidence of expansion and of unity which cannot be explained away. The sessions of the Conference are not open to the public, but we shall doubtless in various ways, chiefly from the published reports and from the pastoral letter to the faithful, learn much of the results of this great gathering.

The monster meeting of the Venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel, held in St. James's Hall, must have been a wonderful inspiration. Many of the Colonial bishops were present, and nine of them read papers describing the work done in their respective jurisdictions. Never in the history of Christianity has there been such missionary zeal and success, and in this the Church has been in the forefront.

On August 3rd one hundred and thirty bishops will pay a visit to Glastonbury Abbey. A short service will be held in the ruins by the Bishop of Stepney, who is well known for his great knowledge of ecclesiastical antiquity. Seats have been provided for 1,000 clergy. Glastonbury was undoubtedly the seat of the earliest introduction of Christianity into Britain, and flourished long before the coming of Augustine.

One of the most pleasing features of the celebration has been the visit of the Greek Archbishop of Finland. The