

of England lay—an open Bible. And we ask to whom is due the translation of the Bible and its subsequent preservation, the extension of religious freedom, and the diffusion of Christian knowledge, if not to that Church which has been so intimately associated with the state, which, in fact, has guided—led—the state in every move in the direction of reform and righteousness? Surely there can be but one answer to such a manifest fact of history.

But more than this. Our Queen's memorable words may most truthfully be supplemented by adding that England's glory lies in her having "kept the Faith," which, in the hands of the nation's church, has never been allowed to degenerate into the one-sided party views of a mere sect, but has always been firmly held and maintained in its integrity.

To the Church of England is due not only the blessed freedom enjoyed by the nation and by its dependencies, and which has largely contributed to the success of religious reform, wheresoever the world over it has been developed, but also the maintenance of "the Faith once delivered to the saints." And as this has been our Church's record in the past—added to great missionary zeal which has been growing and spreading itself with increasing and accumulated force these last fifty years—so, we may reasonably hope, shall she continue to lead in the glorious work which God has committed into the hands of His ministers to be accomplished, namely, the conversion of the world to Christ.

As the Church of the most mighty, because the most Christian nation of the earth; but above all as having maintained the Apostolic constitu-

tion and government, and held firmly to Apostolic doctrine and practise we feel that she is peculiarly designed to be the Missionary Church of the world, and so we may expect this Lambeth Synod, representing her so fully, to formulate comprehensive, yet specific plans for promoting the further and final evangelization of the world, in expectation of the speedy coming of the Church's Lord, when the trump of the angel shall proclaim: "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

OUR FESTIVALS.

PROBABLY there is nothing more characteristic of the changed position of Protestants generally towards the Church, than the enthusiasm with which all denominations are beginning to observe the festival of Easter the Queen of Feasts. It is but a very few years ago that the cry of "No Popery" was raised, when the Church called her children to the House of God, to celebrate some action or scene in the life on earth of Jesus the God-man, the Saviour.

It seems but yesterday, that, on every hand, the Church's christian year met with ridicule and cold contempt; and many a half-hearted churchman and woman, ashamed of facing the world's sneers, neglected to go up to the sanctuary at the call of their holy mother, to commemorate their Lord's Birth, Death and Ascension. But now we find the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist preachers speaking of these days with reverence, and exhorting the people to observe them religiously.