

nation itself will, sooner or later, decay and perish.

We, on our part, as Bishops of the Church of God, satisfied as to the gravity of this matter, and feeling that nothing short of general action on the part of all Christian people will avail to arrest the evil, determine to confer with the Clergy and Faithful Laity of our several Dioceses as to the wisest steps to be taken for the accomplishment of the weighty enterprise to which God is calling us.

We believe that we may profitably deliberate upon such questions as the following :

1. How best to bring about a general reformation of manners, and to enforce a higher moral tone in the matter of purity

2. How especially to guard the sanctity of marriage, and to create a healthier public opinion upon the subject, and to this end, how best to make the celebration of Holy Matrimony as reverent and impressive as possible.

3. How most wisely to deal with this difficult and delicate question as regards our children, our homes, our schools, and other places of education.

4. How best to strengthen the hands of those who are striving in the Army, the Navy, and other public services, to create and maintain a high standard of purity.

5. How best to provide safeguards for those who, from inability to marry, or from other circumstances of their lives, are exposed to special temptation.

6. How best to bind together, and to encourage by the sense of union, all who desire to help, or to be helped, in the battle against impurity.

7. How best to purify art and literature, and to repress all that is immodest in language, manners and dress.

8. How best to enforce or amend the laws framed to guard the innocent, to punish the guilty, to rescue the fallen, to suppress the haunts of vice,

and to remove temptation from our thoroughfares.

We thank God for the readiness, and even enthusiasm, with which the movement in favour of purity has been welcomed by young men of every class. There is a generosity and chivalry among the young which is seldom appealed to in vain ; while large numbers are deeply thankful for every aid in the desperate battle against the sins of the flesh.

Once more, as witnesses for God, we would speak to all whom our voice may reach. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Live pure lives. Speak pure words. Think pure thoughts. Shun and abhor all that is not of perfect modesty. Guard with all jealousy the weak and the young. Above all, pray for the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit of God, 'that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Christianity in Japan.

We have lately been welcoming in Quebec City, on his way home from the Lambeth Conference to his Diocese, the Right Reverend Wm. Awdry, D.D., Lord Bishop of Osaka, in Japan, a country lying, as we all know, to the West of Canada, across the Pacific Ocean ; and his visit has aroused in all, who had the great privilege of hearing him, a new interest in that great and progressive nation. The Bishop preached on Sunday, October 24th, in the morning at St. Matthew's Church, and in the evening at the Cathedral, and then at four o'clock on Monday afternoon he addressed a crowded meeting in the Church Hall. He described in detail the methods, by which Japan was attaining its greatness, and shewed how the Japanese have lately changed their laws, so that Foreigners (English and Americans e.g.) are no longer permitted to hold public positions,