

Quod Semper, quod
Ubique, quod ab Omnibus
Credendum est tenemus

Her Foundations are upon the Holy Hills



En necessarijs Unitas,
En dubijs Libertas,
En omnibus Caritas.

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CANADA.—The Lord Bishop of Toronto has intimated his intention of holding Confirmations in the western portions of his Diocese during the ensuing summer. From the fact that this will almost certainly be the last time that this aged and venerated servant of God will visit the parishes included in the future Diocese of London, the occasion will be one of even more than usual interest and solemnity. We cannot doubt that the youthful members of the Church will be eager to avail themselves of the privilege of having laid upon their heads, with solemn prayer and benediction, those hands, which the Almighty hath so blessed and prospered in their work.

Upon the motion of the Hon. J. H. Cameron, the correspondence between the Home and Colonial Governments respecting the Church Synod Bill has been laid before the country. The Imperial Government acknowledges that "it is their duty to advise Her Majesty to give her assent to the bill; but,"—in fact the thing has got into the "Circumlocution Office."

ENGLAND.—The Convocation of the Province of Canterbury met on Wednesday, February 4, at Westminster.

The first subject which engaged the attention of the Upper House was one of vast importance,

and of especial interest to the clergy in all parts of the Anglican Church. The Bishop of Chichester presented a petition from a large number of the clergy, setting forth the difficulties they felt in reference to the burial service with those who died in impenitence and sin, and praying that Convocation would take some measures for their relief. A discussion ensued in which the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishops of Winchester, Oxford, Exeter, St. David's, and Llandaff took part. It is most gratifying to find that these distinguished prelates were entirely unanimous in their opinions on this most important question. We have made it the subject of a separate article, and shall not therefore dwell any longer upon it here.

Another most interesting debate arose in the House of Bishops upon the reception of a message from the Lower House, requesting their Lordships to consider the expediency of making fresh exertions for sustaining and extending the missionary efforts of the Church both at home and in foreign parts. The Bishop of Oxford spoke with his accustomed eloquence and power, and the Bishop of St. David's with that practical good sense for which he is distinguished. But the true solution of the difficulty seems to have been suggested by the Bishop of Lincoln, the experienced and laborious Jackson. "It has been," he said, "a growing conviction in my mind, that the only way by which the Church