

at the Benediction of the Ottawa Cathedral on "The Cathedral System," besides some excellent "In Memoriam" Notices of Bishop Williams and of many of our leading Clergy and Laity.

The most valuable of his writings, however, is undoubtedly his lately published pamphlet in defence of the validity of Anglican Orders. This work has elicited the warmest eulogiums from the highest authorities in England as well as in the United States and Canada.

His thirty-four years work as "Own Correspondent" of the *Guardian*, the leading Church Newspaper in England, has been invaluable. Indeed, what part of his work has not? To use the words of another: "He has ever been taking up hard duties and doing them; attacking mountains of difficulty, and conquering them."

Great Truths.

THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO OTHER RELIGIOUS BODIES.

"It is evident to all men diligently reading the Holy Scripture and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles' time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church--Bishops, Priests and Deacons." It is the bounden duty of the Church to preserve that ministry which she has received. She therefore says: "No man shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Bishop, Priest or Deacon in this Church, or suffered to execute any of the said functions, except he be called, tried, and examined and admitted thereto according to the form which she has prescribed or hath had Episcopal Consecration or Ordination," *i. e.*, by a Bishop in rightful succession from the Apostles. This explains why ministers of other religious bodies, though devout men, are not invited to preach in her pulpits nor administer the Sacraments. At the same time she admits to the Holy Communion all

baptized persons, who have been properly confirmed, and are religiously and devoutly disposed, coming in the proper way. Her voice is ever pleading with her children that they may have that love which will say, "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

ENCYCLICAL LETTER.

FROM THE BISHOPS ASSEMBLED AT THE PAN ANGLICAN CONFERENCE.

To the Faithful in Christ Jesus, Greeting -

We, Archbishops, Bishops Metropolitan, and other Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church in full communion with the Church of England, 191 in number, all having superintendence over Dioceses, or lawfully commissioned to exercise Episcopal Functions therein, assembled from divers parts of the earth at Lambeth Palace, in the year of our Lord, 1897, under the presidency of the Most Rev. Frederick, by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Metropolitan, after receiving in Westminster Abbey the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and uniting in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have taken into consideration various questions which have been submitted to us affecting the welfare of God's people and the condition of the Church in divers parts of the world.

We have made these matters the subject of careful and serious deliberation during the month past, both in general conference and in committees specially appointed to consider the several questions, and we now commend to the faithful the conclusions at which we have arrived.

We have appended to this letter two sets of documents--the one containing the formal resolutions of the Conference, and the other the reports of the several committees. We desire you to bear in mind that the Conference