

American Bishops are said to have been extremely warm in their approval of the document, and to have felt no hesitation in saying it would command the assent of all the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. The Pastoral thus agreed upon stands as follows :—

*To the Faithful in Christ Jesus, the Priests and Deacons, and the Lay Members of the Church of Christ in communion with the Anglican Branch of the Church Catholic.*—

“ We, the undersigned Bishops, gathered under the good providence of God for prayer and conference at Lambeth, pray for you that ye may obtain grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

“ We give thanks to God, brethren beloved, for the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love towards the saints, which hath abounded among you; and for the knowledge of Christ which through you hath been spread abroad among the most vigorous races of the earth. And with one mouth we make supplications to God even the Father, that by the power of the Holy Ghost He would strengthen us with His might, to amend among us the things which are amiss, to supply the things which are lacking, and to reach forth unto higher measures of love and zeal in worshipping Him, and in making known His name; and we pray that in His good time He would give back unto his whole Church the blessed gift of unity in truth.

“ And now we exhort you in love that ye keep whole and undefiled the faith once delivered to the saints, as ye have received it of the Lord Jesus. We entreat you to watch and pray, and to strive heartily with us against the frauds and subtleties wherewith the faith hath been aforetime and is now assailed.

“ We beseech you to hold fast as the sure word of God all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and that by diligent study of these oracles of God, praying in the Holy Ghost, ye seek to know more of the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, very God and very man, ever to be adored and worshipped, whom they reveal unto us, and of the will of God which they declare.

“ Furthermore we entreat you to guard yourselves and yours against the growing superstitions and additions with which in these latter days the truth of God hath been overlaid; as otherwise, so especially by the pretension to universal sovereignty over God's heritage asserted for the See of Rome; and by the practical exaltation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as mediator in the place of her Divine Son, and by the addressing of prayers to her as intercessor between God and man. Of such beware, we beseech you, knowing that the jealous God giveth not His honor to another.

“ Build yourselves up therefore, beloved, in your most holy faith; grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Shew forth before all men by your faith, self-denial, purity, and godly conversation, as well as by your labours for the people among whom God hath so widely spread you, and by the setting forth of His Gospel to the unbelievers and the heathen, that ye are indeed the servants of Him who died for us to reconcile His Father to us, and to be a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

“ Brethren beloved, with one voice we warn you; the time is short; the Lord cometh, watch and be sober. Abide steadfast in the communion of saints wherein God hath granted you a place. Seek in faith for oneness with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Hold fast the Creeds, and the pure worship and order, which of God's grace ye have inherited from the primitive Church. Beware of causing divisions contrary to the doctrine ye have received. Pray and seek for unity among yourselves, and among all the faithful in Christ Jesus, and the good Lord make you perfect, and keep your bodies, souls, and spirits until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“ C. T. Cantuar  
 “ M. G. Armagh  
 “ R. C. Dublin  
 “ A. C. London  
 “ C. R. Winton  
 “ C. St. David's  
 “ J. Lichfield

“ E. H. Sierra Leone  
 “ J. T. Ontario  
 “ J. W. Quebec  
 “ W. J. Gibraltar  
 “ H. L. Dunedin  
 “ Edward Bishop Orange River Free States  
 “ A. N. Niagara