

forward. The Diocese of Perth has had to expand its operations rapidly in order that it may in some degree meet the rush of immigrants to Western Australia. The Bishop of Honolulu's happy visit to Samoa may prove to have been the beginning of a great extension of work in the Pacific, and a pioneering tour has been made in the Chin country of Burma. The North China Mission has been wonderfully progressive lately, while Corea has had its first-fruits in the conversion and baptism of Japanese there, and in the admission to the catechuminate and perhaps (by this time) to Holy Baptism of some Coreans. Translation work into the Carib language has been going on in the Diocese of Honduras. The Theological College in Newfoundland has entered upon a new stage of vigor; and the native students in the Society's Theological College in Madras have been highly successful in the (English) Universities' Preliminary Examination for holy orders.

Such are some of the details occurring year by year. But, beyond any that may be picked out in this way for notice, there is the grand work going on steadily, year by year, with wonderful rapidity, in all parts of the world, and it is the place of the Church at home by alms and prayers to foster, sustain, and strengthen it.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S SPEECH.

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I SUPPOSE that we all of us feel that it is good for us to be here to-night, that it is inspiring that we should meet in such a number as I see before me to express our interest in the subject of Missionary labors, and to give thanks to God for the blessing which he has hitherto bestowed upon those labors. And this year I imagine that we feel that exceptionally. It is an exceptional year in many ways. The year of Jubilee has stirred our hearts with a consciousness of national greatness, and therefore with an increased sense of national responsibility; and I imagine that all Englishmen have thought more seriously this year than they have been wont to think about England's great Imperial position and England's duty to the countries and the peoples over whom her sway is exercised. And then there is another thing which has made this year remarkable. It is the meeting of the Lambeth Conference. Well, that has had a number of advantages. For one, of course, it has brought a good many Bishops to England, and they have doubtless gone about the land and told many of you in your several parishes something of the Missionary enterprises in which they are engaged. It has also brought those Bishops

together with their brethren at home, and I can only say that one great effect of the Lambeth Conference is to make us Bishops who stay at home in England feel very much ashamed of ourselves in many ways when we talk to our brethren who labor with such difficulty abroad. For instance, there are a good many Bishops whose dioceses are as large as the whole of England, and who have not as many clergy at their disposal to work them as a well-appointed church in the West-end of London thinks desirable for its parish. That will give you some notion of what those pioneer Bishops have to do. That will give you some notion of the difficulties that they have to contend with and the enormous weight of responsibility which rests upon their shoulders. I called them pioneer Bishops. Mission-work must have its pioneers; and, indeed, all



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English settlement must have its pioneers, and it is the pioneers who give the impress to all that is done afterwards. The maintenance of spiritual pioneers is a matter of the most tremendous necessity. Englishmen go abroad; they cannot be kept at home, and when they go abroad they cannot be kept in any recognised limits. We seem to be a wandering folk. We have got the wandering instincts in our veins. It is owing to that cause that the expansion of England has come about. But then the question rises—What is that great power that stands behind us and seems to urge us on in the adventurous career? What is it that has sent Englishmen forth throughout the various quarters of the world to build in small ways, and from insignificant beginnings, the mighty empire over which we now rule? What is it? we ask ourselves, and we must answer that it is not simply blind chance. It is the beneficent purpose of the great Creator of the universe that has given us the conscious-