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The Lord Bishop of Quebec has been closely engaged in conferences, held at the office of the S. P. G. in London, with such of his brethren of the Colonial Episcopate as are now in England, as well as with other persons in authority and friends of the Church, respecting the measures to be taken for facilitating the administration of Colonial Dioceses and procuring the co-operation of the Clergy and Laity in Colonial Church affairs. The first formal Conference was held (as mentioned in the last No. of this paper) on the 28th January, and presided over by the late lamented Bishop of Sydney, and this was the only occasion upon which he was able to attend. The Bishop of Quebec is now President of the Conferences. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has been pleased to appoint a meeting of the Colonial Bishops, which is to take place at Lambeth Palace, to confer with himself and other prelates of the English bench.

On the 30th January, his Lordship preached twice in the Parish Church of Havant, Hants, in the morning on behalf of the National Society; and on the 4th February attended a meeting of the Bath Deanery branch of the S. P. G., at Bath. * From Bath his Lordship proceeded via Salisbury, (where he visited the Bishop,) to Southampton, and on Quinquagesima Sunday preached twice in All Saints Church in that town; in the morning on behalf of the National Society, and in the evening on behalf of the Sunday Schools of the Parish. The Bishop returned to London on the 8th to attend meetings of the Colonial Bishops, and on Ash Wednesday and the following Sunday preached at St. George's, Hanover Square; on the latter occasion, for the National Society. On the 11th, his Lordship presided at a meeting of the Committee of the S. P. G., and on the 17th, went down with the Bishop of Oxford to Cuddesden Palace, where the latter prelate was immediately engaged, in conjunction with his Chaplain, in continuing the examination of candidates for an approaching Ordination to be held at Banbury. Divine service was performed twice daily in the Palace Chapel, and the candidates were addressed during the evening services by their own Bishop. On the 19th, the two Bishops went together to Banbury, and a large and beautiful new Church was consecrated in that Parish. The Bishop of Quebec assisted in the ceremony: the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Oxford. A train of about 50 clergymen, in surplices, had walked with the Bishops in their robes from the place of alighting, to the Church. The services, including the Communion, being very long, the Bishops proceeded, without disrobing, to the Parish Church, where the Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation. The Ordination was held in the new Church, on Sunday, the 20th February. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Quebec. He had been requested, on the evening of the 19th, to give some details respecting the Canadian Church, to the candidates for Orders, 13 in number, and they subsequently, without the most distant hint on his part to prompt them, made up a purse, each giving a sovereign, towards the completion of Bishop's College Chapel at Lennoxville, two clergymen of the Parish making the sum up to £17 sterling. On the 22nd, his Lordship went down to Cheltenham to take

the chair at a meeting of the S. P. G., which, as well as that at Bath, was encouragingly attended and supported. On his return from Cheltenham, on the 24th, the Bishop was mercifully preserved unhurt in the overturning of the express train, near Ealing, which caused one death and many severe injuries among the passengers. The carriage occupied by the Bishop was turned bottom upwards, and he and his fellow passengers in it were got out through the window. On his arrival in London, he presided at a meeting which lasted four hours, and afterwards attended Divine service, and returned public thanks for his providential escape. On the 26th, his Lordship went down from London to Canterbury, to act as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of the Bishop of Sydney. Bishop Carr, the retired Bishop of Bombay, went at the same time and for the same purpose. The Rev. Ernest Hawkins, Secretary S. P. G., was also among those who went down. The deceased Bishop, universally respected and beloved, truly the great pillar of the Australasian Church, of which he was metropolitan, was buried in one of the aisles of the vast, imposing, and venerable Cathedral,—the clergy of the chapter, preceded by the men and boys of the choir, and 50 boys of the King's School at Canterbury (the whole in their surplices), forming the procession. The deceased Bishop was educated at this school, which is connected with the cathedral establishment. The Bishops of Sydney and Quebec were consecrated together, in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace, seventeen years ago, and neither of them had since visited England till now, when they met once in London, and, shortly afterwards, the survivor stood over the grave of his brother in the work of the Gospel. The Bishop of Quebec remained at Canterbury till Monday, the 28th February, as the guest of the Rev. H. Bailey and his lady, at St. Augustine's Missionary College, of which Mr. Bailey is warden. This deeply interesting and valuable institution has been established, within the last few years, by the munificence of private benefactors, upon the site of the ancient monastery of St. Augustine; the venerable turreted gate-way, which survived the ruins, still forming the entrance, and the whole design having been completed in perfect harmony with its style of architecture. The buildings consist of the residence of the warden, sub-warden, and one fellow,—the range of apartments for the students,—the chapel, library, dining-hall, and cloisters. The whole system of the establishment is upon the most frugal and moderate scale. Divine service is performed twice every day in the Chapel, the chanting antiphonally by the students, who, on Sundays and holidays, are in surplices; on other occasions, in their college-gowns. On Sunday morning, the Warden, preached an excellent sermon upon the death of the Bishop of Sydney. The subject of the morning sermon in the Cathedral was the same, the preacher being Archdeacon Harrison, who had received and entertained the funeral party. The Bishop of Quebec attended afternoon service in the Cathedral. He was requested at night to address the College students in a familiar meeting at the Warden's house, after which he gave to each of them the right hand of Christian fellowship, and, among them, to one who is a negro from the West Indies, to one copper-colored Hindû, and to one Esquimaux from the North Pole, strongly marked by the physical peculiarities of his race. A

* See page 55.