

of self-sacrificing love, of large hearted sympathy, with all sorts and conditions of men, the gift of the power of comfort from Him,

“ Whose blessed unction from above  
Is COMFORT, light, and fire of love ? ”

Yes, this is what we need to lead us on to victory, the power of sympathy which is the key to all hearts. May our Lord grant it to us all at His Altar to-day in largest measure !

And now I have done. But I shall seem to you to have quite forgotten him at whose invitation we are here to-day, to join him in giving thanks for the goodness and mercy which have followed him through his twenty-five years of service in the Apostolic office. But we have not forgotten. We know that for a Bishop of the church of God to be able to look back, as we have tried to do to-day, over the entire term of his ministry,—to see that he was called to lead and guide the Church through a period of trial, of change, of transition,—a transition which looked dark and gloomy at the outset, which how it would end no one could tell, a prospect which filled many a brave heart with deep anxiety,—that he is able to look back over it and see that the whole period has been one of healthful progress, of great moral victories honestly fought out and fairly won, and that the result is quietness and peace and goodness, now, and for the future an ever brightening hope,—than this, what greater comfort, what greater joy