

## BISHOP'S VISIT TO ENGLAND LAST YEAR.

At our last meeting you were so kind as to express your approval of the thought then in my mind of visiting England last year, chiefly to attend the Lambeth Conference, and also to do what might be possible to raise funds.

## THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

In the history of the British Empire, as well as in the history of the Church of England, the year 1897 will be a memorable one. Thanks to the kindness of the Dean and Chapter, I was on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral and only a few feet from Her Gracious Majesty, for the Royal Progress and that unique and most heartily rendered service of praise and thanksgiving, in which Sovereign and people devoutly thanked God for sixty years of national blessings. But chiefly:

"Praise for Thy long sustaining,  
That held her firm in aim,  
Ever to keep unwaning  
Our fair ancestral fame;  
Praise for the sweet compassion  
Which makes the wide world own  
That Love's divinest fashion  
Is set from England's throne."

And later on as a member of Lambeth Conference, I was among those whom the Queen specially honored with an invitation to a special reception at Windsor Castle. During Diamond Jubilee week, and indeed more or less during the whole visit, British subjects from abroad were honored and the utmost kindness was shewn them. Everywhere the feeling was manifest that, in the opinion of those at home, colonists are true Empire builders. The prominence given to Canada in the person of her premier, who ably and gracefully discharged the duties pertaining to his high office, made me proud to be there as a Canadian, and proud of the conviction that in no part of the empire is the feeling of loyalty to the person and throne of the Sovereign, and to British Institutions, stronger and more intelligent than in Canada.

## LAMBETH CONFERENCE AND OTHER GATHERINGS.

I was present at the commemoration of my college. Along with Archbishops and other Bishops I visited Ebs Fleet, Richborough and St. Martin's Church, Canterbury, in commemoration of the arrival in England in 597 of Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury; and also Glastonbury. But above all it was my privilege to be among the one hundred and ninety-four Arch-bishops, Bishops, Metropolitan and other Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church, in full communion with the Church of England, all having superintendence over Dioceses, or lawfully commissioned to exercise episcopal functions therein, assembled from divers parts of the earth at Lambeth Palace, under the presidency of the Most Reverend Frederic. Ly. D. V. Providence, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan; and to attend the quiet day for the Bishops, conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln, and all

other services and meetings held in connection with the conference.

It is impossible for me to convey to others the impressions of such gatherings. To me they were deeply powerfully refreshing. Again and again I felt that it was good to be there, and the aspiration most frequently felt was: Oh that I may be able to take back to my work—to my clergy—to my people some of the spiritual blessing I have found here. Oh! that the whole Anglican communion, nay, the whole Church of Christ, militant here on earth, may receive a divine impetus proportionate to the strength of the gathering; the felt presence and power of God, the Holy Ghost, and her urgent needs.

I desire to commend to the study of those who can get it, the report of the conference containing the encyclical letter from the Bishops, with the resolutions and reports. On the present occasion there is no time to refer, at great length, to this report. I think the synod might well consider whether it could afford to print the encyclical letter and the resolutions in the next synod report.

## BISHOP'S WORK IN ENGLAND.

During the whole of my visit to England, I worked very hard, preaching and speaking on behalf of the great Church societies who help us. By far, the largest amount of such work was for the S.P.G. I secured for the Calgary Bishopric Endowment Fund the sum of £436 4s. 7d., which has been paid to the treasurers in England; and the promise of £10 per annum for this and the next three years, total, £476, 4s. 7d.; and for work in both Dioceses, £357, 2s. 3d., together with a promise of £10 per annum for this and the next three years, made like the promises for the Bishopric Endowment Fund by my kind friend Mr. J. C. Sharpe. From the £357, 2s. 3d., I deducted £147, 2s. 3d. for expenses. Of the balance, £112, 10s. has been paid to our treasurer and the balance has gone to Saskatchewan. I never work harder than when I am in England, and I only wish the financial results were greater than they are.

## ATTENDANCE OF LAY DELEGATES.

In a Diocese such as this, several obstacles stand in the way of the attendance of the laity. It is my earnest hope that, as time goes on, these obstacles will gradually dis-

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