

of the ease with which books may be procured by all, even the poorest. And although we have had our wars, yet, while France and other countries have suffered terribly, our Island Home and, indeed, our British Dominions generally, have enjoyed all the inestimable blessings of perfect peace. And, consider again, my dear brethren, the strides that have been made in the way of improving the social condition of our people; see how the slaves of overwork have been set free; look at the Acts of Parliament that have been passed, dealing with Factories, with the employment of children, with the establishing of Public Holidays and Public Libraries, and with the encouragement of Emigration. Consider, too, what a growth there has been of public opinion with regard to the evil of drunkenness, which at one time threatened to ruin and ruin England's national life. Think once more of the wonderful advance that has taken place in scientific, hygienic and sanitary matters; think of the revolution that we have witnessed in the means of locomotion and of the general improvement that has taken place in the housing and social comfort of our people everywhere, and I am sure you will see that we have the greatest possible cause for thankfulness and praise. And since it would be easy to show that no one has done so much to promote all this blessedness and growth as the Royal Lady, whom we proudly hail as our Empress Queen, I am sure that we, as loyal subjects, shall delight to know that Her Majesty is still able to discharge, to a great extent, her most onerous and important duties, and at the same time we shall glory in the happy fact that the whole of her vast Empire is about to unite in praising the Great God for His Goodness and for the wonders that He doeth among the children of men."

No doubt, my brethren, this Diamond Jubilee will be loyally and joyfully observed here in the Diocese of Quebec as well as everywhere else in Her Majesty's Dominions, and I earnestly trust that some specific suggestion will be made and laid for consideration before this Synod.

And, if thus we have great cause, as a people, for true and heartfelt thankfulness to Almighty God, we have also, this year, special reason for reverential adoration and for a special burst of praise, owing to our position as members of a true and rightly derived Branch of the Holy Catholic Church. For, the Bishops of the Anglican Communion from all lands were earnestly invited by that noble-hearted Christian man, Dr. Benson, the late sleepily lamented Archbishop of Canterbury, to meet this Summer instead of next Summer (which would have been the regular time) in conference at Lambeth, just because this year it is exactly thirteen hundred years since Augustine landed in Kent and was presently consecrated to be the first