

Twells, of the Orange Free State, Bishop Tozer, of Central Africa, the Bishops of Arkansas, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Iowa, Grahamstown, Honolulu, Pittsburg, Vermont, Montreal, New Zealand, and St. Andrews, took part in these services. The earnest vicar of the parish has, in carrying through these services, rendered most important aid to the main purpose of the Synod, viz., the bringing Churchmen of the different Churches to realise their unity and communion with one another. The collections made at the offertory, amounted to a large sum, and the Church on every occasion of service being held, was densely crowded. Many had to retire from the doors, and many hundreds of people were disappointed. It is to be hoped that other opportunities will be given to the people of London, of hearing from these assembled bishops, narratives of their dioceses and their work. To read their titles only makes the heart of the sincere servant of Christ right glad, for they imply that the effort is really being made, though it be in some places weak, that in very truth to some extent, even a combined effort is being made to carry the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.

The Church Congress for this year is appointed to meet at Wolverhampton. This town is situate in the very midst of what is usually called "the black country"—coal and iron, mines and furnaces, are around and beneath it for miles; the air is heavy with smoke, so that frequently on the brightest day, the sun is completely obscured. Vegetation is for the most part destroyed; the mineral products of the earth have driven out the vegetable, and by night the whole country seems on fire, so numerous are the flames proceeding from the coal pits, or from the iron furnaces. This is no exaggerated account of this country, as it appears to the traveller, who journeys by the Great Western Railway, from Birmingham to Wolverhampton; yet it is a very hive for industry, teeming with life, with energy, and with labour. In the midst of all this strife of man with the reluctant earth, the Church Congress has agreed to hold its annual sitting. Very different from the scene of the last, is the scene of the present meeting. Under the shadow of the grand old minster, in the midst of relics of the Church dating from Saxon times, where every garden is full of remains of the Roman city of Eboracum, Congress held its discussions. Yet, in some respects, Wolverhampton is no less a fitting place than York. Where the hum of man is heard, there are found the "passions and the pangs," which all man's boasted art and mastery over the elements of earth have never driven out. There is a field for Church work; these men are pining for the rays of divine sun light, to break through the smoke and cloud of human trials, and lighten the burden off the sin laden heart. It is noticeable that at the coming Congress, the subjects of discussion are of a very practical nature, that several new questions are to be introduced, and that the system of sections has been abolished. Church patronage, Church ceremonial, and open sittings are among the subjects which are for the first time introduced, having from perhaps an excess of caution been omitted from previous congresses, lest discussion should become too eager and too hot. If Churchmen will not allow themselves to forget the nature of the subjects offered to them for

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