

Services and functions, to commemorate the landing in Kent 1300 years ago of the Missionary, Augustine, who became, as you know, the first of our grand line of Archbishops of Canterbury. And this most happy commemoration was followed a month later by another, held at Glastonbury, in Somersetshire,—("the Mother of Saints," as it used to be called),—to recognize and thank God for the existence and value of the still more ancient British Church, planted in the Old Country almost in Apostolic times. The intervening month was most happily and, I believe, profitably spent in the discussion of all the various subjects which were brought before the Lambeth Conference. Such meetings, in which men of many minds, imbued with the spirit of Christian charity, discuss together a great variety of important and difficult subjects, all affecting the well-being of the Church, must, in the nature of the case, prove to be a source of immeasurable good. But there is no need here to attempt to repeat what has been done at this Conference, or even to enumerate the matters which were brought before us, for I have endeavored, in the course of the last two years, gradually to unfold to you all these things, by the help of our ever useful and interesting Diocesan Gazette. Suffice it now to say, that I trust and believe that our labours at Lambeth were far from being in vain, and I hope we shall be permitted, by the blessing of God, to reap the fruits of those labours for all future time.

And if now, by way of further preface, we pause to take a brief review of the principal public events of the past two years, occurring here about us in our Diocese, the first has been the just and due recognition that has been accorded by the erection of a noble statue to Champlain, the great founder of this good old City of Quebec; another has been the prolonged sessions here, in our midst, of the Anglo-American Conference, saddened since by the unexpected decease of England's representative, the able, genial, religious Baron Herschell—a brilliant Lawyer, who had

risen to be Lord Chancellor of England, and yet one, who, in his own country Parish, did not consider it to be beneath his attention to serve as a humble Sunday School teacher. A third event has been the change of Governor-General,—the removal from our midst of Lord and Lady Aberdeen, who did so much for the Dominion at large and for Quebecers in particular, and the welcome which we accorded to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto, when the new Governor landed in Quebec, and after taking the customary oaths of office, proceeded onward from the Ancient to the Present Capital. A fourth event, interesting and important to us as a Diocese, has been the holding of our third Episcopal Visitation, which took place, this time not, as before, at a single centre, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, but at seven different places, reaching the Clergy and Laity of our several Rural Deaneries. During this Visitation we had many a profitable Service and discussion, and the Bishop's Charge on the Eucharistic Sacrifice was everywhere listened to by large and attentive congregations. And then, the last event, to which I would desire to invite just a moment's attention, is the recent annual Public Meeting of our Quebec Church Society, of which our new Governor-General has most kindly consented to become the Patron and a life member. At this Public Meeting we were indeed fortunate in securing most able and helpful addresses from our eloquent Brother, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara, and from the Hon. H. T. Duffy, our popular Provincial Minister of Public Works. As we shall gather presently, our speakers had a noble story to bring before us, and they told it well.

And now, with this brief Preface, I have to give, as well as I can, some account of my stewardship for the last two years. This I do, recognising how much, after all, has been left undone, and how much, that has been accomplished, might have been better performed. But, my Brethren, we can only do our best and leave the rest—we can only labour diligently and leave the result in higher Hands.

(To be continued.)