

VISIT OF THE PRIMATE.

The announcement that this Diocese was to be honoured by a visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Chief Bishop of the Anglican Communion, put us on the *qui vive* to make such adequate preparations as our circumstances should render possible. As it was arranged that there should be a service at S. James' at which the Archbishop would be present, it was understood that that would be what might be termed the popular service—the occasion on which His Grace would meet with a large gathering of people of the Church—and that the service in the Cathedral would be more of an official character. The absence of the Bishop from the See House made it necessary for the Canon in charge, the Treasurer, and the Sidesmen to take the direction of arrangements. A meeting was held at which it was decided that, much as it might be repugnant to the opinions of many of us, it was unavoidably necessary to order that admission to the service must be by ticket only. As soon as this was announced, applications for tickets far beyond what anyone anticipated, began to pour in, and Canon Macnab and Mr. Chadwick were kept busy for several days answering these applications and planning so as to admit the greatest number possible. It was found that the official list, comprising the Clergy, Diocesan and Cathedral Officers, the Press, and those to whom we are under some compliment, swelled to a comparatively large figure; after which came the regular attendants at the services, who were considered reasonably entitled to a preference over others, and these two classes called for more than the limited number of tickets printed. It was consequently unavoidable that many were disappointed. We refer to all this at perhaps needless length, so that all our friends may feel assured that we did our very best to meet the requirements of each one as far as it was possible.

The visit of the Archbishop took place on Sunday evening 4th September. He was received at the See House by the Bishop, who was attended by Rev. Canon Sweeny, Domestic Chaplain, and Mr. Chadwick, representing the Clerical and Lay members of the Chapter. After viewing the surroundings of the Cathedral, His Grace, on the suggestion of the Bishop, performed one of those acts of sympathetic kindness which are such a well-known characteristic of the great people of the Empire, by going to visit Bryan Chadwick.

Of the service we need not say much; it was faultlessly rendered, Rev. Canon Macnab and Rev. H. T. Archbold taking their usual parts, and the lessons being read by Rev. Canon Welch and Rev. Canon Sweeny. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Ellison, Vicar of Windsor, one of the Archbishop's Chaplains. There were no doubt many who hoped that the Archbishop would preach, which he would have done if he had been specially requested, but the Bishop knowing all that His Grace has had to go through since his arrival on this continent, considered it unfair to lay this additional burden upon him. The Archbishop however, of his own motion we believe, before pronouncing the benediction, briefly addressed the congregation. Both

the sermon and the Archbishop's words strongly emphasized the duty which lies upon this Diocese of going forward in the work of building the Cathedral.

The congregation was the largest which has ever assembled in the Cathedral. The seating was arranged for 500 (including the Clergy) and every seat was occupied. The plan of issuing tickets, limited to the number of seats, enabled the arrangements of receiving and placing the people to be carried out without the confusion which has sometimes occurred with much smaller numbers. This duty was efficiently performed by Mr. Hall and his co-Sidesmen, while outside the building due order was maintained by Inspector Johnston and twelve constables, there being many people gathered about the Cathedral, some with the hope of getting in without having tickets, and others from a desire to at least see a distinguished personage.

To the Board of Control, the City Engineer's department, and other City officials—perhaps in this connection we may venture to refer especially to Mr. John Shaw, Controller, and Mr. Fellowes, Deputy City Engineer,—we are much indebted for the prompt measures taken by them to lay down, in preparation for the Archbishop's visit, a new concrete walk along the south side of the Cathedral from Howland Avenue to Albany Avenue, replacing the worn out wooden walk which has been so great a disfigurement of our surroundings for some time past.

Some person has asked "Why was not the evening service on the occasion of the Archbishop's visit held in one of the larger Churches so that a greater number of people might attend?" The possibilities of a larger congregation than was present in the Cathedral, would not have been so great as to furnish a sufficient excuse for what would have been rather a breach of etiquette and a failure to receive the Archbishop with a due regard to the dignity of his office. It is clearly the Official Cathedral of the Diocese in which the Chief Bishop of the Church should be received when visiting a Diocese out of his province. There was, however, no impropriety in his being asked to attend a service at St. James', for it, as the Mother Church of the Diocese, and the principal City Church, enjoys a position quite different from that of an ordinary Parish Church.

TWO DONORS.

On the same day, that of the Archbishop's visit, two liberal donations were made, one through the offertory for the funds of the Cathedral, and the other through the Sunday School for Mission work in Japan, the former (given anonymously, but so plainly earmarked that the donor was easily known) from a person of eminence and of world-wide repute as the possessor of vast wealth, and the other from one who is known locally and more for his generosity than for the possession of abundant means for the exercise of that virtue. The two donations, given, we feel assured, from a similar motive in each case, were of equal amount. There is something about this that might set people thinking.