

THE LORD BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

My Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity:—

What a year this is! How full of happy Commemorations! How loud the call to thankfulness and praise! For, as you all know, we are this year about to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; we are, moreover, about to observe the thirteen hundredth Anniversary of the advent of Augustine of Canterbury to be the first Bishop of the Anglo-Saxon Church; and we are also about to commemorate the planting of the Cross of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on this great Continent, by the landing of the brave Navigator, John Cabot, who, in the name of our King Henry VII, discovered Nova Scotia and Cape Breton just four hundred years ago.

Yes! for sixty long years our good Queen has wrought earnestly and devised steadily for the common weal, and the results of her long life and labours are really, beyond all expression, marvellous. It is true that three English Sovereigns were permitted in their day and generation to reign for more than fifty years, but how different was the result in every case. Henry III, *e.g.*, reigned fifty-seven years, but his Jubilee found him old and feeble, his Kingdom torn by dissensions, his Government wrested from him, and he, himself, hated and despised; Edward III entered upon his Jubilee-year with a broken heart, mourning the premature death of the son, whom he so dearly loved, with all his triumphs undone, all his victories fruitless, and all his possessions gone; and the fiftieth year of George the Third's reign, which had been full of troubles all along, was embittered by the loss of his favourite daughter, leading the poor King, blind and broken-hearted, into a state of sad and incurable insanity. But these *last* sixty years, these years of the reign of our Lady the Queen, who, in her day, has so bravely borne her personal sorrows, have been peculiarly fraught with prosperity and blessing, and there can be no doubt that, under God, this happy state of things is to be attributed, to a very large degree, to Her Majesty's grand personal example, and to her many great and noble qualities.

For, as to the blessings which, as a people, we are enjoying to-day, just took at the progress of Religion and, indeed, of our dear Church. Yes! compare the cold, bare state of things which existed sixty years ago, with the life and warmth of our Anglican Services in almost every part of the world at the present day; think, too, of the wonderful advantages which have arisen for our young people; think of the advance of Education, and