

must lie upon it towards the divided Churches of East and West.

'By its Apostolic creed and constitution, by the primitive Scriptural standards of its doctrine and ritual, by its living Catholicity and sober freedom, by its existence rooted in the past, and on the whole identified with education and with progress, by its absolute abstention from foreign political action, by its immediate and intense responsibilities for the Christianity of its spreading and multiplying race and of its subject races, it seems not uncertainly marked by God to bring the parted Churches of Christ to a better understanding and closer fellowship.

'We know that the unique position and character of the English Church cannot be without drawbacks. Its distinct blessings are not such as tempt to self-assertion. We recognise them as providential gifts and quite historical developments. They are encompassed with difficulties and obscurities as yet impenetrable to our sight and effort. But we may not be faithless to them. The blessings themselves are solid realities, which demand the thoughtful contemplation of its sons, and a readiness still to follow the same divine leading which "hitherto hath helped us."

'The immediate duties of Churchmen, and particularly of Clergymen, are plain:—

'1. To preserve in purity and in loyalty the faith and practice which characterised our primitive Catholic and Scriptural Reformation—a renewal in which the Church and family and individual claim their part—a renewal which courts above everything the examination of its principles. 2. To avoid all that can cause confusion or weakness by either excess or defect. 3. To grow stronger in prayer that the Lord of the Church would interpret to us His own Prayer, that we all may be one in the Oneness of Father and Son, and the Father Himself answer and fulfil it.

'If it is not yet given us to realise the full force of the prayer, or in our minds to reconcile the assurance of its efficacy with our visible conditions, it is none the less our supreme and perfect hope that at last "the Peace of God shall rule in all our hearts, to the which also we are all called in One Body." We steadfastly pray the prayer. We commit ourselves "to him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

'I remain your faithful Brother and Servant in the Lord,

'EDW. CANTUAR.'

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

The Stated Meeting of the Central Board was held in the Cathedral Church Hall, Quebec, on September 17th. Reports of the Finance and Land Committees were presented, considered and adopted. Grants were made of \$50 towards a small Church on Entry Island (Magdalen Islands); \$100 towards a new Parsonage at St. John's, Melbourne; and \$200 towards "Outfits" of Clergymen entering upon Missionary work in the Diocese. The Treasurer's Report, submitted at the same meeting, spoke of \$30,000 on hand awaiting investment, and of the great difficulty of placing it at once securely and profitably—the interest on first-class mortgages at present being so very low. Six letters of thanks, for grants made by the Society for educational and other objects, were read. An application from the Incumbent and Church-Wardens of Scotstown, for permission to sell the site of the old Church and apply the proceeds towards the purchase of another in a more convenient place, was referred to the Land Committee. Fourteen Clergymen, whose payments towards the W. & O. Fund were not made in due time (May 1st), were allowed by Resolution of the Board, to pass as qualified.

After authorizing certain payments, the Board adjourned, to meet again on the 19th of November, unless specially summoned earlier.

A Visit to the Quarantine Station at Grosse Isle.

Just because Grosse Isle, about thirty miles below Quebec on the St. Lawrence, is the Quarantine Station, the place and its surroundings are associated in most people's minds with the infectious diseases, which it is wisely the desire of the Government to exclude from our fair Dominion. But, by the mercy of God, we have been spared this year anything of the nature of a visitation or epidemic, and conse-