

hear the prayer of one who owes to her more than he can hope for from any other source; God grant the people of England may appreciate their glorious historic Church, and that she and her daughters may prove worthy instruments of Almighty God in evangelizing the nations, and in promoting the unity of the one great brotherhood."

We hear people often talking about the *Sermon* as if that were the principal part of the service. Instruction is a part, and only a small part. *The Worship*, prayer, praise, confession of sins, thanksgiving, hearing God's Word, are the most important of our duties in God's house. But people wander away from their own Church, simply because they do not happen to like an individual Preacher. The grand service of Worship is still there, no words of man can destroy that, yet they wander from house to house, seeking with itching ears for some loud-tongued, demonstrative or sensational preacher. One cannot but call to mind what the Corinthians said of St. Paul: "His bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." We feel satisfied that St. Paul, if preaching to-day, would not draw such crowds as some of the sensational preachers we have heard in our time.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBOURS THINK OF US.

In his address to the late Convention, Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, said, among other things, regarding his visit to the Canadian Provincial Synod last year, in company with others, as a deputation from the American Church:

"We were greatly impressed with

the earnest and practical way in which the Dominion Church is taking up the vast work that God has given her to do. Looking back, as I can now, for the period of a generation, since I first knew the Canadian Church, and comparing what it was then with what it is to-day, the gain is simply wonderful. The labors and sacrifices of many saintly and heroic lives have been given to this great work, the results of which are so fair and so full of future promise. I do not believe there have been anywhere nobler ventures of faith and instances of self-sacrifice than are presented in the annals of our sister Church in the Dominion of Canada."

THE CHURCH STEADILY ADVANCING.

In the Church there is also an advance along the whole line, and this advance, attended though it be by many lamentable irregularities, is largely religious. It is a Church that within the present century has more than doubled its clergy, has built or entirely rebuilt more than 4,000 churches, and has planted over sixty missionary Bishopricks. It is a Church, too, which during the same period has been visited by three genuine revivals,—the revivals, as they have been called, of *Evangelical Truth*, of *Apostolic Order*, and of *Worship*. Each of these still survives, for each in turn supplemented, without supplanting the work of the foregoing. On this ground it would be unfair to attribute to any one school of thought within the Church the renewed vitality which we now witness. It is, under God, the work of all, "the increase of the body" "by that