

"But the American Bishops, notably the Bishops of Delaware and Western New York, forcibly urged that Rome was past reforming; and, that the truth could only prevail by the creation of reformed churches all through Europe. wherever there was material sufficient to justify the sending of a Bishop, or the organization of a Communion.

'No one who heard the brilliant speech of Bishop Coxe on that day will ever forget it. We heard no speech in England during the sessions of the Conference, from any Bishop. that was to be compared with it. It is rarely that such an audience as that one of Farnham Castle on that day is ever collected together in a single room; and it is rarely that any speech ever makes such an impression as that one upon any audience. Bishop Coxe is always eloquent and brilliant when he chooses to be, but Bishop Coxe in such a presence, and on such a theme as this, 'Rome Is Past Reform,' was even more than himself. We heard an English gentleman say, "I have listened to the best debates in the English Parliament during the present generation. but I never heard any thing to equal that." Of course it made me proud to hear a brother Bishop that I loved so much, so highly praised. Father Hyacinthe turned to his wife, who was seated by his side, several times during the delivery of this speech, and said to her, "That is magnificent;" "that is wonderful." Lord Plunket, who occupied a chair very near to us, and who had himself made a very interesting address on the subject in the early part of the day, expressed his admiration of the speech in the highest terms.

"All parties, especially those who were in a position to know the exact religious condition of Europe, were unanimous in the assertion that the disaffection in the Roman Church, arising from the recent decree of the personal infallibility of the Pope, was very extended, and was constantly increasing. And the opinion is largely prevalent among the most intelligent observers of Continental religion, that a revolution and a disintegration are threatening the Papacy as remarkable as those of the sixteenth century.

"The Lambeth Conference, among its advisory measures recommended that a commission be constituted consisting of the Archbishops of England and Ireland, the Primate of Scotland, the Bishop of London, the Presiding Bishop of the American Church, and the American Bishop in charge of the American churches in Europe, who should always stand ready to confer and advise with such bodies as the Old Catholics of Europe who desire to free themselves from the dominion of Rome, and were anxious not to cut themselves off from connection with historic and Apostolic Christianity. We cannot but hope that the existence of such a wise and learned commission will be of some practical comfort and benefit to the hundreds and thousands throughout Europe, who are now studying the problem as to how they may remain Catholics without continuing to be Romanists."

Pere Hyacinthe, on behalf of a large number of French Priests and Laymen, has since made application to the Archbishop of Canterbury for Episcopal oversight and guidance in the movement which is now