

ANGLICAN RESPONSIBILITIES.

On Sunday March 4th, at the Cathedral, the Lord Bishop of Columbia preached upon the second subject of the Lambeth Conference on "Definite teaching of the Faith to various classes and the means thereto."

He took for his text, 1 Cor. XIV, 8 "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself for the battle?" and named the title of his discourse "The Ministry of the Faith."

He showed the Faith to be something given once for all and entrusted to the keeping of the Church which was to bear a faithful witness to it—the truth.

The three Creeds represented this witness on the part of the Church being the substance of the Gospel we had been taught, even before the New Testament was completed.

Various classes were to be reached, and for all, for the young, the rich, the poor, the educated, the uneducated, the very depraved and outcast, the heathen of different races, this faith was of equal application. But means of this teaching might be in many forms and it would be an office of the coming Conference to encourage and regulate these and by wise and sympathetic counsel. For instance a great stimulus will probably be given to lay organizations in evangelistic labours, both of men and women.

The importance of definite teaching of the Faith might be seen from dangers resulting from the want of it.

Immorality and crime are more readily committed where the witness for God's laws is weak. The apathy and indifference amongst professing Christians may be owing to the want of more plain teaching of the terrible consequences of sin and lukewarmness. Neglect of baptism may be owing to the meagre views too often held respecting it. If taught to be only a dedication ceremony no wonder parents are careless about what does not seem to convey any particular good.

Indefinite views of the Holy Catholic Church lead to confusion and schisms. Instead of the Doctrine of Scripture and the Primitive Church a view has been invented to suit present circumstances, and people imagine the form of Church Government is immaterial and that any few persons can make a Church and authorize a ministry, an unscriptural idea and so are formed a multitude of sects a result entirely contrary to the will of Christ. If God mercifully overrules these departures from His will, and good is done and when Christ is preached even in schisms with St. Paul we can rejoice. Yet there is much evil flowing from such