

myself; and of St. John the Divine, Warden, by Archdeacon Lindsay. Three extra churches are built to replace old ones, that had done good service, but had become too small for the increasing congregations, and worn out. They are beautiful and suitable structures. St. Mary's was opened a short time ago, and the other three will soon be ready.

I cannot close without adverting to a great grief which weighs on all hearts.

Death has been very busy amongst us of late. The young have been cut down like early flowers, and the aged like the ripe corn. And now the nation is called upon to mourn the death of one who, though young in years, by his position as Duke of Clarence filled a large space in the eyes of the world. All the circumstances surrounding this death move us to deep sympathy with the bereaved. There is our beloved Queen, long acquainted with sorrow, and touched with the feeling of all her people's sorrows; there are the bereaved parents, and amongst the young hearts pierced there is one-stricken through by a dart winged with youthful love. What can we do to help those afflicted ones? We can put on mourning, we can join the nation in its deep and heartfelt sorrow, but what can we do to comfort our widowed Queen and her desolated House? How can we reach that heart-stricken group of parents and dear ones that I see bowed down in unutterable grief for the loss of a deservedly loved son and brother? How can we make our sympathy and love felt by those desolated hearts in the mourning and gloom of the palaces of England? We cannot make our voices heard there. We cannot tell our afflicted Queen and her children how much we love them, how loyally our hearts weep with them, how the thought of their anguish of soul has drawn us closer to them in tenderness of spirit. We are deprived by distance of this privilege and power of consolation; but we can pray for them. He who has wounded can heal. He who has broken can bind up. He who has stricken can comfort. He who has bereaved can speak peace, and we can reach Him. We can move our Heavenly Father's loving heart, and we will. We will join the nation in looking unto Him, that He will give unspeakable comfort and strong consolation to the desolated Household. God grant it. Amen.

In closing, I humbly and gratefully acknowledge the infinite mercy of God in blessing the Church in this Diocese. In reviewing the work, I rejoice to see the clergy as a body witnessing for Christ by Christ-like lives, and the laity uniting in the witness, by increasing numbers of devout persons carefully prepared, intelligently consecrating their lives to the service of God in confirmation, and giving evidence of the spiritual reality of their witness, not only at the Lord's table, but also through the power of the Holy Ghost, living as becomes the children of God.

Gracious Father, give us grace, we pray Thee, as individuals, and as a Synod, in all things, to witness faithfully for Christ, and glorify Thy great name.