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The Bishop of Quebec, since the date to which the account of his Lordship's movements was brought down in the *Gazette* of April 1st, has been constantly engaged, in a similar way, in measures connected with the interests of the Colonial Church. On the 7th March, his Lordship and the Bishop of Antigua met the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth, where, or in London, several further Conferences have been since held, most of which have been presided over by His Grace, respecting the measures of relief which are in train for the better administration of Colonial Dioceses. The last of these Meetings was held on the 23rd April, and (as well as one on the 18th) was attended by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and fourteen English and two Colonial Bishops. The same Bishops not having been present on both occasions, the number of English Prelates who have taken part in these deliberations, and thus manifested their interest in the welfare of the Colonial Church, has been eighteen.

The Bishop of Quebec has also been much engaged, in different ways, in contending against the measure, which has since passed the Imperial Parliament, for the alteration of the Act of 1840, regulating the disposal of the Clergy Reserves; and, independently of the Petitions from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and from himself and Archdeacon Bethune jointly, his Lordship, again in conjunction with the Archdeacon, drew up a Circular, which was sent round, accompanied by a form of Petition, to five hundred of the local Secretaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; and his Lordship afterwards printed a letter addressed to the Bishops of the English Bench and the Irish Representative Bishops, invoking their protection in the peril to which the Canadian Church is exposed. Copies of this letter were also sent to a considerable number of Lay Peers.

On Sunday, 13th March, his Lordship preached at Havant Church, Hants, and on the 18th was again in London, to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, at the weekly meetings of which he had, in different instances, been present. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided on this occasion. On the 20th, the Bishop preached on behalf of the National Society, in the Church of Blonham, in Bedfordshire, at the Rectory of which place he remained to spend Passion Week with his brother, the Rev. Dr. Mountain, Prebendary of Lincoln, for whom he preached also on Good Friday and Easter day. On the 3rd April the Bishop preached in the Temple Church in London, one of the four circular Churches which remain in England, among the memorials of the Knights Templars. It has been recently renovated with remarkable taste and at an immense cost. The full choral service of the Church of England is exquisitely performed in this Church. On the 5th his Lordship attended the Monthly Meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (of which some account will be found in another column), and on Sunday, the 10th, preached at Fulham Church, where he again preached on behalf of the National Society, on the 24th. On Sunday, the 17th, the Bishop pleaded the cause of the same Society, at Great Hallingbury, near Bishop's Stortford; and on the 20th, attended and took

in a very important and interesting Meeting held in London, in connection with the extension of the Colonial Episcopate. (See p. 70.) On the 26th, his Lordship was again at Havant, to be present at a Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel which he addressed, and which was very encouragingly attended and supported. A collection was made at the close of the Meeting, amounting to £31, a large sum, considering the size of the place. The late Rector of Havant was a brother of the Bishop's, and the affectionate regard which is entertained for his memory ensures a cordial support for any measures with which his name is connected. The Parishioners have always shewn themselves zealous friends of the Church in the Colonies, and especially in the Diocese of Quebec; and the present Rector is ever willing to do his part to keep up their interest in its welfare. The Meeting was preceded by Divine Service, after which his Lordship preached. From Havant his Lordship proceeded to Southampton, where, on Sunday, 1st May, he preached in the forenoon at All Saints' Church, and in the afternoon at St. Paul's Chapel, and on the 4th returned to London, to take part in the consecration of the Bishop of Lincoln, which took place in the Parish Church of Lambeth, on the 5th (Ascension Day). The Archbishop of Canterbury was assisted in the service by the Bishops of London, Winchester, Oxford, Lichfield, Quebec and Ohio—all of whom united in the imposition of hands. The Holy Communion was administered by the Archbishop and the Bishop of London to the other Bishops, and by the Bishops of London and Quebec on one side, and Winchester and Ohio on the other, to the Clergy and Laity. The Bishops of Oxford and Lichfield also administered, a temporary arrangement having been made, by which they officiated at the same time, without the rails of the Communion Table. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Jeune, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. At half-past six in the evening of Ascension Day, twenty-eight Bishops assembled for Divine Service in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace, among whom was the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and afterwards dined with the Archbishop.

On Sunday, the 8th, the Bishop of Quebec preached twice at Havant Church; and on the 12th and 13th, was engaged to take part in the services at the re-opening of Boston Church, in Lincolnshire, one of the finest Parish Churches in England, which has recently been restored, but was obliged, at the last moment, by press of other occupation, to deny himself the gratification of doing so. His Lordship's present intention is to leave Liverpool on the 11th instant for Halifax, and from thence to take a sailing vessel for the Magdalene Islands, and complete the visitation of the District of Gaspé before his return to Quebec, which, in that case, cannot be looked for till the end of July.

The following letter, addressed by his Lordship to the Duke of Newcastle, has been printed by order of the House of Lords.

15, Grosvenor Street, February 12, 1853.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am impelled to solicit the attention of your Grace to some representations upon the subject of the Clergy Reserves in Canada, a subject for which I am less fully prepared than I could desire, because, when I left Canada, in the beginning of