

## ANGLICAN RESPONSIBILITIES.

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The Lord Bishop of Columbia commenced a course of sermons, Sunday, Feb. 26th, on the subjects of the approaching Lambeth Conference.

He took for his text I Cor. xii, 25, 26, and the heading of the discourse was the "The Ministry of the Body." His object was to show the duty of the Church, Clergy and people, to extend sympathy, and help to the temporal wants and trials of others. Not only is it the duty of the Church to preach the Gospel and save the soul, but also to help and save the body. He took in order the four subjects, contained in the Archbishop's circular, relating to the temporal circumstances of Society, Socialism, Intemperance, Purity and Emigration. Beginning with the last he showed in what way the Church might aid emigration as a Providential means of relieving the poverty of congested districts of great cities. The Church of England through the S. P. C. K. was doing good work in having chaplains in every principal port of Great Britain, to befriend the emigrant leaving, with aching heart, the shores of home.

On the subject of Purity the Church of England had long had a great and blessed work in hand in the refuges for the fallen and penitentiaries where repentance could be tested and matured under spiritual influence and kind care of sisterhoods, to which pure minded and cultured women had devoted their lives to rescue their poor sisters from shame and misery and early death, and to set them forward encouraged and helped to earn honest bread in respectable positions. The Bishop, in this connection, gave an account of the White Cross Army, a movement among young men, for the promotion of purity of life and prevention of the degradation of women. While for temperance and purity there were strong Church precepts founded upon membership with Christ, and the gift of the Holy Ghost in Baptism, as well as the pledge to renounce all the sinful lusts of the flesh, these were matters of special interest and sympathy as effecting the welfare of the body and mind and temporal improvement and comfort. There could be no doubt of the tender and wise dealing of the Conference in these important questions. But what is the responsibility of the Anglican Church towards Socialism? He showed it was the duty of the Church to find out what were the grievances under which the poor were suffering, and while of course rejecting the wild theories and violent proposals of the Socialist to recognize, with sympathy and help, that there is much that is wrong in modern society.

There is a terrible chasm between the deep poverty and abounding luxury of our great cities. The low wages,