

REVISION
OF THE
PRAYER BOOK.

FIRST ŒCUMENICAL COUNCIL OR CON-
FERENCE, 1867.

When it was proposed by the Church authorities to assemble an Œcumenical Council, to be held at Lambeth, in September, 1867, it was naturally expected that those burning questions which had so long disturbed the minds of churchmen would be considered and some attempt made towards a satisfactory settlement of them. The Church's heart at that time beat high with expectation. The two great parties in her fold, it was said, would be brought closer together, each in their views would cultivate moderation and mutual toleration, and as at various times within the last fifty years, our Church authorities have discussed the expediency of altering the Prayer Book, yet little or nothing having been done, now, certainly, it was again said, we shall have revision. There was, in short, great rejoicing over the birth of this first grand gathering of the bishops of our Church.