

## PANANGLICAN CONFERENCE.

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The Conference of Bishops of the Anglican Communion will be held at Lambeth Palace, on Tuesday, July 3rd, 1888. After four days' session there will be an adjournment, in order that the various Committees may deliberate. The Conference will re-assemble July 23rd, and conclude July 27th.

The following subjects are definitely selected for discussion:—

- I. The Church's practical work in relation to
  - A., Intemperence;
  - B., Purity;
  - C., Care of Emigrants;
  - D., Socialism.

- II. Definite teaching of the Faith to various classes, and the means thereto.

- III. The Anglican Communion in relation to the Eastern Churches; to the Scandinavian and other Reformed Churches; to the Old Catholics and others.

- IV. Polygamy of heathen Converts. Divorce.

- V. Authoritative Standards of Doctrine and Worship.

- VI: Mutual relations of Dioceses and branches of the Anglican Communion.

### *THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER ON THE CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.*

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The Bishop of Rochester, England (Dr. Thorold) who paid a visit to this Province last summer, wrote on his return a very interesting letter to "Church Bells," giving his impression of the Church's work in the countries through which he travelled. We quote below the parts of his letter referring to our own Diocese.

"Victoria is English to its heart core. Bishop Hills, the first Bishop, still administers it, and he has many attached friends

Vancouver Island is 300 miles long. There are many Indians there, and 2,000 Chinese. For the latter, unfortunately, the Church makes no effort; the Methodists to their credit make one, though it may be feeble. Evening classes were once started for the Chinese to teach them to read, but while they were eagerly attended by them with the object of learning the language, they showed no intention whatever of going on to learn the faith of Jesus Christ. So it was given up. Natural, but hardly magnanimous. God might have used this humble way of bringing them to Himself. Nothing is too hard for Him; nothing should be too desperate for us.