

Cheltenham, sending me his cheque for £25, and promising to give another like sum this year.

Received a card of invitation from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress inviting me to dinner at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, the 25th, to meet the Archbishops and the Bishops.

Sunday, October 23.—Having no special engagement, I accompanied Mr. Street to service at St. James' Church, Paddington.

Monday, October 24.—Being strongly urged by the Secretary of the Society at 79 Pall Mall, to assist them in a difficulty, as their Deputation had failed them, I left the Great Western Station for Gloucester at 9 o'clock, to attend the Annual Meeting and to give my assistance. On the arrival of the train I was met by the Rev. E. Houlditch, and taken to his residence in the close, near the Cathedral. After lunch, we went to the Meeting which was arranged for 2 o'clock.

The Dean of Gloucester, the Rev. H. Law, in the absence of the Bishop, was called to the chair. After a very nice opening speech, he called upon me to address the Meeting. It was also addressed by the Rev. C. E. Kennaway, author of the Book of Family Prayers, and by Canon Harvey. I did not get back to town till mid-night.

Tuesday, October 25.—Several subscriptions were sent to me by post. Went to the Mansion House at half-past six o'clock, and was presented to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress before the hour appointed for dinner. The Lord Mayor's Secretary informed me that I would be called upon by His Lordship to return thanks for the toast to be proposed by him, "The Colonial Church."

This was so unexpected that it completely upset me. I never expected to be placed in so prominent a position before so distinguished and so large a number of guests. There were about 300 present. The seat assigned me was at the cross table at the upper end of that spacious room, where the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress sat, and next to Sir Fitzroy Kelly, M. P., with whom I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted. My thoughts during the evening were, however, more intent upon what I should say than upon what I should eat, so that I cannot say I enjoyed my dinner, sumptuous though it was.