



At the recent meeting of the Diocesan Conference the Bishop gave some of his own impressions of the great Lambeth Conference, and the keynote of his address was one of great encouragement.

The Bishop referred to the fact that at the first of these Conferences which was held ninety-one years ago, only 76 bishops were present and of this number 43 of them came from outside the British Isles. This year, however, 246 bishops came across the sea to Lambeth from more than 40 countries. These figures show how the Anglican Communion has grown in penetrating to the four quarters of the world.

We who live in the comparative quiet of England's countryside and are at times tempted to be disheartened, can take courage from these figures which so clearly indicate the real life which beats in our Church.

Now the Bishops have left London and returned to their work in all parts of the world, refreshed and inspired by a Conference in which they and the Bishops at home had discussed a variety of subjects which concern almost every sphere of modern times. We must remember that every bishop has in his day been a layman and that they, with the majority of clergy, do know quite a lot about life from a layman's point of view. Lambeth was indeed concerned with the lives of ordinary people and it has this to say among other things—that there is something for every Christian to do. It was not just a Conference of religious leaders living apart from the everyday problems of life—it was not critical but constructive and it calls all Christian folk not as isolated individuals but as members of the great family of the Church who at their baptism were signed with the Sign of the Cross in token that they were not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified but 'to fight manfully under His banner against sin, the world and the devil and continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives end.'

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THE Thanksgiving for the harvest was well observed in both churches and a quantity of produce was most gratefully received by the old people at Wareham and Blandford.

Register

Holy Baptism.

At S. Nicholas, Sept. 28th.

Susan Anne, daughter of William James and Audrey Frances
Ames.

Burial.

At Winterborne Kingston, Oct. 9th.

Charles Herbert Tucker, aged 36.

At Bere Regis, Oct. 11th.

William Barnes, aged 74.