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I.

CATHEDRALS.

*(Delivered at Canterbury Cathedral, September 26th, to the
Cathedral Body.)*

My Brethren, members of this Cathedral body :

I have to thank God for enabling me again to meet you at a visitation. A visitation is a solemn occasion both for him who holds the visitation and for those whom he visits. The four years which have passed since we last met in this transept have not been without their important effects on the Church of which we are members, and on each of us one by one. And when I consider that I, holding this visitation now, am entering on the close of the twentieth year of my episcopate—that twenty years have passed since I was first called to the superintendence of the Church in the greatest city in the world—you will readily believe that the sense of the responsibilities which have devolved upon me is almost more than I

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can bear. Thank God we meet once again ; let us endeavour to make this visitation what it is intended to be—a time when we have to ask ourselves solemnly as before God, whether, as life is swiftly passing, we are each of us, in the position in which we are placed, rightly doing our duty to one another, to the flock of Christ, to our own souls, and to the Lord who died for us.

There is not one of us here to-day—the bedesmen who, receiving some advantage from their connexion with this cathedral, are summoned Sunday after Sunday to take part in its solemn services, the children who sing in the choir, the lay clerks, the boys of the King's School and their masters, and the various other members of this body—there is not one who may not profit by the solemnity of this occasion, asking himself, be he in a higher or in the humblest position, whether in the sight of the Lord Jesus Christ he is rightly fulfilling his duties. God grant that, as the end cannot be very far off, even for the youngest of us, as it is very near for the oldest, we may be all getting ready for the great Assize, and may, in the questions which this visitation brings before us, hear some echo of that voice Divine which will soon call us all to account.

The subject on which I propose to address the clergy and others present at my visitation, during the seven opportunities which I hope to enjoy of meeting the assembled diocese, is this :—I wish to suggest some thoughts as to the particular duties which at this time devolve upon the Established Church as the National Church of this country.