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Since that Edition was published, less than two years ago, great things have happened in our midst. Diocese of Southwark has been created, and St. Saviour's appointed its Cathedral* by an Order of His Majesty in Council: Bishop Talbot has been translated from Rochester, and enthroned as Bishop of the new See: a great Inauguration Service of Thanksgiving has been held here in the presence of our Sovereign, Edward VII., Queen Alexandra, and other members of the Royal Family: the Consecration of two Bishops by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by seventeen Bishops, has here taken placet: and the Harvard Window has been erected as the first instalment of an enterprise, already well in hand, for converting the present Vestry into a Memorial Chapel, in honour of our John Harvard, the founder of the great American University which bears his name.

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