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PREFACE

THE following book brings back to my mind one of the most interesting hours of my life, when to some 5,000 people at Richmond in Virginia I tried to explain the interesting tie which exists between the American Episcopal Church and the old See of London.

A wish has been expressed in America that some permanent record of the lecture may be preserved, and this little book is the response.

I could not have satisfied that wish without the aid of the Rev. Sadler Phillips, who has given invaluable help in the matter.

I hope that my brethren in the United States and Canada will be interested in the book.

A. F. LONDON.

March, 1908.

EDITORIAL NOTE

THE sketch of the "Historical Lecture" which was delivered at Richmond (and the documents quoted, with others from the Fulham MSS.) in answer to the request of the Bishops of the Church of America at the General Convention, Richmond, Virginia, October 17, 1907, are printed at the desire and by permission of, the Bishop of London. The papers were prepared for the Bishop before he went to America, and were examined by his lordship, in order to found his addresses on facts and statements in these original documents. The aim of the transcriber is to illustrate the intimate connexion of the work of the Bishops of London in the past with the founding of the English colonies. As all the colonial enterprise of England seems to have followed the same thoughtful and comprehensive lines, it is hoped that the papers may have an extended usefulness, making Great Britain more than ever a colonizing nation, whose object is to extend the kingdom of Christ and benefit humanity. The Bishop wishes it to be clearly understood that he did not quote all the documents printed, and his lordship examined many others neither quoted nor reproduced.

The greater part of the following manuscripts were copied in order to facilitate the Bishop of London's labour in preparing his work for his visit to America, and the MSS. notes were taken there. They also are only part of a greater number examined by the Bishop before the journey commenced.

When the Bishops of America asked by the letter from the Convention for the Bishop of London's speech, which was delivered from the notes and documents quoted herein, the Bishop requested the author to put the whole into shape as far as possible in order to illustrate the standpoint, rather than attempt to reproduce the words which were used on that occasion. To do this, in the first place, there is the outline of the Bishop of London's Lecture, and the documents quoted are copied to illustrate it. Some of these—as, for instance, the Bishop's Commission from King George—have been already reproduced in the Press in America, but where they were thought worthy of more permanent shape they are included. In other cases similar documents which might throw fresh light on the love of the Mother Country, and the efforts of the Church of England for the colonies, and for the English overseas, have been included, so as to answer more fully the request of the Bishops of America, in spirit rather than in the letter.

It is hoped by this means the intentions of the Bishops of America have been met, in a rather fuller manner than could be the case if the actual Lecture had been reproduced, and that Churchmen who come to the Pan-

Anglican Congress will also find illustrations from original documents concerning the early English colonies, which may be interesting and useful.

DOCUMENTS QUOTED BY THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

(In his Possession at Fulham Palace.)

1. A Letter from John Banister.
2. A Treaty of Peace, 1713.
3. A Draft Petition for Bishops, 1715.
4. Bray's Plan.
5. Letter of Alexander Forbes, 1724.
6. Petition of Indian Chief, 1727.*
7. Patent of George II.

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