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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

ANGLICAN BISHOP IN JERUSALEM.—Arch-deacon Blyth, M.A., of Rangoon, has been nominated by the Primates to be "Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem and the East." The appointment is heartily approved by the C. M. S. and the Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews.

A JUBILEE OFFERING.—The Women's Jubilee Offering, by the Queen's desire, will take the form of a statue of the late Prince Consort, and the surplus to be devoted to a suitable charity which the Queen will name. The three national memorials before the country now are, therefore, the Imperial Institute, the Church House, and the Women's Offering.

TITHES, WHAT ARE THEY?—We have not seen a clearer statement, says the *Family Churchman*, of the *Tithe question* than the following, which was recently sent by the Bishop of Bath and Wells to a gentleman interested in the subject:—

"Some ten or twelve centuries ago certain land-owners acting upon their legal rights left to the Church in their several parishes, for ever, the tenth part of the produce of the soil. The other nine parts passed by inheritance or purchase to the present owners; the tenth part continues to be the property of the Church. When a farmer hires the land of the landlord he really only hires the nine parts, which is all the land owner has to let, and pays rent on that. It has, however, been settled by recent legislation, for the convenience, as it was thought, of all parties, that the farmer should not only pay the rent of the nine parts to the landowner, but should pay the value of the tenth part to the clergyman or other tithe-owner. . . . The farmer or tenant has nothing whatever to do with the tithe except instrumentally as the channel through which the property of the tithe-owner is conveyed to him. . . . But for a farmer who has made his bargain with the landlord to pay him so much rent on condition of his paying to the tithe-owner his legal due to seek to improve his bargain with the landlord by withholding that legal due from the tithe-owner does not reconcile itself to my notions of fairness or honesty."

PERE HYACINTHE. — Pere Hyacinthe—so Bishop Jenner writes—is preaching a course of sermons during Lent at the new American Church, Avenue de l'Alma, Paris. The little Gallican Church in the rue d'Arras is shortly to

be vacated in favor of a more suitable and better situated edifice.

ENDOWMENTS OF THE CHURCH.—Canon Hayman, in a sermon lately preached at Leeds, Eng., says:

History attests that the endowments of the Church arose from the munificence and liberality of her individual members. They were not given by the nation, nor to the nation, but in every parish and every diocese to that particular body in whose spiritual ministrations the donor at the time had a particular interest. In addition to the original consecration of the pious founder, these endowments have received the accumulated consecration that arose from lapse of time. They were when first given as essentially the outcome of the voluntary principle, and therefore as completely a testimony to individual piety, as the offertories of that Church. How awful, therefore, would be that act of national sacrilege which should lay the hand of confiscation upon endowments such as those of the Church of England!

DISCREDITABLE.—There is a great deal of talk in respect to more stringent marriage laws, but a recent occurrence in a neighboring city, says the *Church*, of Philadelphia, makes it plain that we need also greater care and greater conscientiousness on the part of the Clergy before consenting to perform the marriage ceremony. It is to the discredit of the Church that one of her clergy was recently shown, at an infamous trial, to have given a certificate of marriage in the case of two parties, one of whom was a corrupt young man, stupidly drunk, and the other a young woman whose character would suffer in comparison with his, depraved as it was. The pledging of two such parties in the vows of holy matrimony, according to the solemn service of our Church, was indecent, if not criminal, on the part of the clergyman officiating. Let the clergy have a care, for it is only through culpable negligence that they will be in serious danger of compromising themselves or the Church whose Ministers they are.

SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS, C. M. S.—The simultaneous meetings in London organised by the Church Missionary Society have been a notable success. Over one thousand meetings were held in the course of the week. The clergy very generally and heartily united in the movement, and it was a true eirenicon based on a common desire to spread the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It has been an epoch in missionary work, and we may fairly hope the beginning of a new start. We are glad to know, says the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, that the older S. P. G. did not hold aloof from its younger sister, but helped to make the movement a great success. No less than twelve Bishops took part in the movement.

A QUEEN MOTHER'S MEMORIAL.—A medallion of the late Duke of Albany has been placed in Whippingham Church, Isle of Wight, by the Queen. It is executed in white marble, and the head, which is in profile, is surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves, acorns, and thistles. The tablet bears the following inscription:—

"To the loved memory of Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Albany, Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who died at Cannes, in his thirty-first year, on March 28th, 1884. 'All souls are Thine: we must not say that those are dead who pass away.' This monument is placed by his sorrowing mother, Queen Victoria, A.D. 1886."

BISHOP JAGGAR, of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, is pronounced by his attendant physicians in Florence, Italy, to be in a most serious condition. To resume his diocesan labors at present would endanger his life, and unless he has a long period of entire mental rest, there is great danger of hopeless brain disease being developed.

FAITHFULNESS.—The Bishop of Peterborough in the course of a sermon preached in the Chapel Royal Whitehall, on Quinquagesima Sunday, on behalf of a Special Home for Rescue and Preventive Work, thus referred to one of the great evils of the day and to the foolishly wicked conduct of Christian people regarding it:—

My brethren, I am here to-day to ask you to consider with me whether, as regards one great and sore evil that is in the world, the Church is yet sufficiently faithful in her warfare; whether, as regards one sore suffering and calamity, she is sufficiently active and helpful in her peace-making. There is an evil all around us—an evil deadly, terrible, eating as a canker into the heart and life of the nation, sapping its manhood, soiling and blasting its womanhood, destroying all that is pure, or tending to destroy all that is purest and best in a nation's life, poisoning its very life-blood, and breaking out in wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores all over the body politic; an evil so sad, a suffering so great, that those who plead for it and our duty concerning it dare not describe it as it is. We cannot paint, we must not, we ought not to paint, before a mixed congregation, all the horrors, all the sorrow, all the shame, all the suffering that comes from this evil. O brethren, as I go on pleading for this work, let this be my first plea, that we cannot plead sufficiently for it, that we dare not. Let the dumb misery of those for whom we have to plead, plead with you this day; let your own heart fill up whatever we omit in our pleading. But there is this deadly and destructive evil. Worse than the arrow of many a sin that flieth in the daylight, that men see and take note of, is this pestilence that walketh in darkness, and that kills its tens of thousands. What is the Church of Christ doing? Is she militant for Christ in waging war against this sin? What is the Church doing? Striving for Christ as Peacemaker to help those who are suffering and wronged by this sin? Is the Church as Christ would have her be, sternly, resolutely, justly faithful in her denunciation of this sin? I do not ask whether the pulpit or the press ring with such denunciations as they might. There is, as I have said, always the danger of which I have spoken attending any attempt to expose the evil which we denounce lest we spread it as we denounce it. But there is one way in which