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A MISSED OPPORTUNITY.

WE sounded a note of warning two months ago, quoting a letter from the *New York Churchman* against taking up the whole time of a meeting of Synod in such matters as discussing Canons, election of officers, appointment of Committees and other routine business. Our late Synod has proved no exception. Besides the opening service in the Cathedral which was, alas! but poorly attended what was there of spiritual edification for the members of Synod? What has become of the choral evensong with sermon which used to close the day? Why should there not be a Synod Celebration of the Eucharist on the 2nd. and 3rd. days? What a contrast is presented by the Synod in Milwaukee, "on the 2nd. day the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the Cathedral at six, seven and eight o'clock, and Matins and Litany said at nine, after which the Council was called to order."

Surely there might have been at least a gathering together of the clergy of the Diocese for devotional exercises on one of the evenings, with great spiritual profit as a result. But no! considerations of reports, election of officers and members of the Executive Committee, appointment of Synod Committees, the post-

ponement of the adoption of the Revised Constitution and Canons, and Synod is over. What is the net result? All we have to show for all the expenditure of time and money is the substitution of the Rev. A. Shildrick for the Rev. L. N. Tucker on the Executive Committee, the changing of the Synod Clerical Secretary, and the appointment of Mr. Walter Taylor of Vancouver as Treasurer *vice* Mr. W. J. Walker resigned.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
COLUMBIA.

THE Venerable R. Small has resigned the Archdeaconry of Columbia and has become Archdeacon of Yale, continuing to reside at Lytton. To this position, created for the occasion, there is no stipend attached and it is for the present merely honorary. Our hope is that some good friend of the Diocese will endow this Archdeaconry.

The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath has been appointed to the vacant Archdeaconry and will come into the Diocese as soon as possible.

The new Archdeacon is a native of New Brunswick. He graduated at the General Seminary, New York, and was ordained deacon in 1872. He began his clerical work at Rutherford Park, New Jersey. Thence