

Speaking of services reminds us that Dean Close of Carlisle, has published a little pamphlet called "Thoughts on the Daily Choral services in Carlisle Cathedral," in which he urges the spiritual benefits to be gained from such services, as a reason why they should be more largely attended.

A short time ago it was said that the Government did not intend to appoint another Bishop of Victoria and that the see was to be suppressed. The late Bishop writes to the *Times* saying that recent personal inquiries of his own at the Colonial Office have convinced him that no intention of suppressing the Bishopric is entertained by the Government.

A foolish report got about and was eagerly seized by some of the secular papers as a text for some sneering articles, that the Servian priest who had given the Holy Communion to Mr. Denton had been suspended. This is entirely untrue. The Archbishop of Belgrade has declared that he had no idea of passing any censure upon the priest for having done so, and that his own intention was to bring the matter before the Synod with the view of establishing some general rule, to apply to similar cases.

In connection with this subject it may be mentioned that an association has been formed for promoting the unity of Christendom; it is connected by a very simple bond, its one engagement is to use a prescribed prayer for Unity; and besides the direct spiritual effect of prayer, it is hoped that the knowledge that so many persons in different communions are so engaged may not be without an indirect influence in softening the difference which separate them. The Society numbers some 8,000 members, lay and clerical, in the Anglican, Roman and Greek Churches.

Among the new books announced is one by Dr. Pusey, in reply to Abp. Manning's pastoral. As Dr. Pusey was unwilling to enter into direct personal controversy with the Archbishop, the reply has taken the form of a letter to the author of *The Christian Year*. Its title is "*The Church of England a portion of Christ's One Holy Catholic Church, and a means of restoring visible unity.*" It is said that the book is for Dr. Pusey what his *Apologie* is for Newman.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States commenced its Session at Philadelphia, October 4th. The meeting is an important one on account of the question of re-union with the South, which seems to be progressing favourably. The sermon at the opening of the Convention was preached by the Bishop of Montreal; for this his Lordship received the cordial thanks of the Convention, and was requested to allow it to be published. He was also requested to attend the sessions at pleasure, a chair being placed for him at the President's right. On the third day there were present clerical and lay deputies from Texas, North Carolina and Tennessee. A resolution was proposed expressive of profound gratitude, to Almighty God for their presence, when the vote was taken, and an almost unanimous *Aye* was given, as if the whole heart was in it. Perhaps half-a-dozen voices were faintly heard in the negative. The sensation produced by this vote was such that for some minutes no attention was given to other business. When the election of the Bishop of Alabama was recognized in the House of Bishops, and he and some other Southern Bishops spoke of the magnanimity, generosity and brotherly love which had been shown to them by their Northern brethren, the Venerable and Right Reverend Fathers all sung together the *Gloria in Excelsis*. Although the number of Southern Bishops was not large, yet it must be remembered that other dioceses, among them that of Virginia, promise to reunite as soon as they can do so consistently with their duty to other Southern dioceses. The action of this Convention is exciting the greatest interest throughout the States. The President was anxiously watching it, hoping that a friendly course would be pursued, and his hopes are not being disappointed. While we thankfully see such a feeling of Christian love shown by the Church, it is matter of regret that the Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists at present refuse to unite. The question of a division of the States into Provinces has been favourably received by the General and some State Conventions, though as yet no definite action has been taken. There is to be a division of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and three more Missionary Bishops are to be appointed.

The sudden and lamented death of Lord Palmerston will be known to all.