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GLADSTONE'S ADVICE ON CHURCH UNION amounts to a suggestion that the minor forms of Protestantism should first close up in sections, so to speak,—Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists—and then there will be more inclination and more facility for a larger combination.

DEACONESSES IN AMERICA were advocated twenty years ago by the present Bishop Potter. The two principal training schools for deaconesses were founded in Philadelphia and New York, in which cities respectively the present Bishop Potter's father and uncle were bishops.

TELESCOPIC INQUISITIVENESS LIMITED.—The Lick Telescope of California is said to have just about reached the limit "where the gain of light by the augmentation of size must be nearly or quite counterbalanced by the loss by absorption in passing through the increased thickness."

"THE REVIEW OF THE CHURCHES" is the name of a new periodical, which leads off its opening number with a symposium of opinions on union amongst the Churches. Prominent amongst contributors, &c., are the Bishop of Ripon, Earl Nelson, Dr. Parker, and Hugh Price Hughes.

"MAKE IT PLAIN UPON TABLES, write the vision so that he may run that readeth it," was the direction to the prophet Habakkuk; and such seems to have been the general instructions for prophets in regard to predictions, "yet for an appointed time"—new criticism to the contrary notwithstanding.

BIBLE AND CHURCH GO TOGETHER.—Principal Chavasse said, "With the authority of Scripture

goes the authority of the Church; for if that which we have believed to be a revelation of God be unworthy of credit, its witness and keeper for twice a thousand years is unworthy of credit also."

AN EVIL PRE-EMINENCE. It is much to the discredit of American civilization that there are more divorces (23,000) annually in the United States than in all Europe! Germany and France take the lead in Europe, with 6,000 and 5,000 respectively, while the British Isles have only 500, and Norway on by 68.

DR. PARKER OF THE CITY TEMPLE is out again in a very temperately worded letter against "Establishments," which he considers a fatal inconsistency—a virtual submission of the Church to the world—in the constitution or condition of any Church. He dwells so much on this point as to make it seem the only objection.

"MISSIONARIES, MARRIED AND SINGLE," was a question which proved rather a bone of contention at Rhyd. There were some—Mr. Athelstan Rley, for instance—who begged leave to doubt whether a missionary's influence was in direct proportion to the number of his family—whether that is an exception or the rule.

"NEGROES FIRST, CHRISTIANS AFTERWARDS" is a cry rather rife in Sierra Leone amongst those who are in a state of rebellion against the C.M.S. control in the Niger district. Even Africans have a national or race spirit which has great strength when properly roused. It may be made useful—or the reverse—in Mission work.

CHURCH WITHOUT STATE.—In his recent advocacy of disestablishment in England, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain said: "The Church of England in the United States of America is a prosperous and growing Church, the Church in Australia and Canada is prosperous, a respected and growing Church, and yet it is not established."

"THE GREATER REFORMATION" is one of the laudatory titles claimed for a recent "new criticism" of the Bible, by means of which its extreme advocates hope to reduce Scripture narrative to a minimum—by a process like cremation—of "Divine intervention," making the events there chronicled as commonplace as possible.

BISHOP BROOKS ON EFFECT OF CONSECRATION.—After the ceremony at Southboro, the Bishop said: "My service here to-day is not merely the consecration of a special building, but the consecration of a school—a consecration that shall gather itself in benediction upon the life of every boy who now is or hereafter shall be one with you."

"NOT THE MOLLUSCOUS, INVERTEBRATE TYPE" of churchmanship, said a speaker at the Church Congress, is what attracts earnest dissenters. This was the experience of Bishop Wordsworth of Lincoln and of the revived Welsh Church. Distinctive Church principles, and honest appreciation of our own Church privileges, are what attract most.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL ACT appears to have been decisively disallowed by the Supreme Court of Canada. This is tantamount to saying that every Church or denomination has a reserve right

to its own schools, for the words of the constitution are "any class of persons"—not confining the reservation of right to Roman Catholics only.

ANOTHER ———!—Across the Atlantic comes the intelligence that a prominent speaker at the Brighton Protestant Congress stated "that 5,000 Protestant clergymen were preaching Roman Catholic doctrines." This gentleman (?) evidently believed that he might as well make a big thing when he was at it. Did any one present credit all this?

LIDDON'S LIBERALITY OF SOUL.—It appears from the recent publication of "Canon Liddon's Tour in Egypt and Palestine," that to him moral and religious faith was dear in whatever shape he found it—even among the Moslems. He regarded "Christianity as the consummation, not the refutation or denial, of other forms of sincere Monotheism."

"THE CHURCH'S GAINS BY BIBLICAL CRITICISM," was the subject of one of the sessions at Rhyd. One would think, from some of the papers, that Biblical critics before this particular decade of the 19th century knew nothing about some of the plainest and simplest facts of national history. We are sometimes so dazzled by our new lights as to fancy others blind!

"BELSHAZZAR THE KING."—The amount of sceptical scorn heaped upon the Scripture record of Belshazzar because it happens to vary from the present testimony of antiquity, has been enormous. Now Mr. Pinches, of the British Museum, turns the scales by proof from recently discovered cuneiform records that Daniel was right about "the King" after all!

UNFERMENTED WINE.—The Ontario W. C. T. U. quotes the Bishop of York as saying: "Those who use fermented wine may be right; those who use the fruit of the vine cannot be wrong." This is a very strong statement on behalf of the practice which they advocate—of unfermented wine for the Holy Communion. Still, "reports are somewhat discouraging," they confess.

"READ, MARK."—More than once lately have we had occasion to draw the attention of our correspondents to that more-haste-worse-speed spirit which leads to so many rash conclusions and painful misunderstandings among editors, contributors and readers of newspapers and books. They so often read, but do not mark or "learn."

PROFESSOR CHEYNE FURTHER CRITICIZED.—The New York Churchman, noticing Dr. Cheyne's Bampton Lectures on the Psalter, says: "The whole criticism of the historical position of the Book of Psalms by Dr. Cheyne is mere speculation and guesswork . . . he cannot yet be recommended as a safe guide, even from a literary standpoint, to say nothing of the question of orthodoxy."

AN ANGLICAN PROPAGANDA is called for by the Pacific Churchman—that is, a society such as exists in England already, whose duty it is to propagate correct Church ideas about the Church in the colonies of the secular press. The English society has done good service during the past year, and reports that its "corrections" were effectively and respectfully received by the various editors.

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