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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

WISE COUNSEL.—Every Clergyman is called upon frequently to baptise some child upon the sick bed; and this remark is often heard:—

"I am so glad that the child is baptised, for I should be very sorry to have it die unbaptised."

Very true, but is it not equally as sad to have it live unbaptised? The Kingdom of God into which the child is baptised is not only future but PRESENT. The blessings of that Kingdom are for our daily life here—its training, its instructions, its work—all belong to us now as much as in the future life. Parents should be careful that their children be baptised and live as children of God, and then they will die as His children. God cannot look with favor upon a parent who neglects the Christian nurture of a child while living and runs for a minister because death is feared. It is true that if there has been some neglect the minister of Christ should be sent for in the hour of necessity; but they who thus put off a duty should be so sorry and so truly penitent over their fault that they would thereafter choose the more excellent way, and resolve that they and their children shall live as Christians as well as die Christians.

GENEROUS GIVING.—Canon Stowell announces that during the twenty years of his incumbency of Christ Church, Salford, Eng., the sum of 57,000*l.* has been raised by the congregation and friends of that Church for Church and charitable purposes.

CONFEDERATION OF COLLEGES.—President Potter, of Hobart College, preaching last month before the Alumni of the Academy of the Church in Philadelphia, made an earnest plea for the practical confederation of Church Colleges under a Board of Regents, welding them all, in effect, into a great Church University, under whose authority examination for higher degrees, fellowships and scholarship should be established. Such a plan might and would grow, from perhaps a small beginning, into vast proportions; it would bring the Colleges into closer relations with the general work and interests of the Church, and without impairing their independence, give to them a new power and standing in the community. The President of the Alumni Society adds:—"Few of those who heard the sermon will forget its beauty and power; and it is greatly to be hoped that Presi-

dent Potter may be induced to seek conference with the heads of Church Colleges in this country, with a view of securing such united action as may bring out some practical result in a well-devised plan at the next General Convention.—*Church Calendar*, Dec. 11, 1886.

"THE 'CHRISTIAN WORLD' ON SECTARIANISM. The walls of the Jericho of bigotry are already trembling, and good men in all communions wait impatiently for the trumpet blast which shall decree their fall. Christian people are becoming more ashamed of the appearance which they present as wrangling sects, to the great scoffing hosts of worldliness. The expansion of ideas too, which has resulted from larger knowledge of the world, of the races that people it, and of their religious beliefs, has insensibly compelled us to minimise our differences. We are wasting our strength and losing our time, it is felt, in petty-fogging red-tape, squabbling over details of organisations while vast continents wait to be conquered by crusaders whose weapons are not of this world. May we not hope, too, that a truer perception of the meaning of the prayer of Christ, that His disciples may be one, and a deeper reverence for its spirit, are taking possession of His disciples?"

Surely these things are not mere incidents, says Earl Nelson, but show that a deep feeling is at work among all Christians; and, although party feeling and leaven of schism will hinder the work for a time, we cannot doubt that the visible Unity of all really working for Christ must come.

GENEROUSITY IN CHURCH BUILDING.—A correspondent of the *Guardian*, writing in reference to the Bishop of Durham's thank-offering of 7,000*l.* to build a church at Hendon, Bishopswarmouth, speaks of another prelate who, in a twenty-five years' episcopate, has built and endowed at his own cost no less than three churches. Is this the Bishop of Worcester?—At the York Diocesan Conference on October 28, Canon Paget stated that a gentleman who did not wish his name made public had promised a donation of 8,000*l.* as a thank-offering for mercies received, and for the erection and endowment of a church near North Cave, Yorkshire.

ATTRACTING THE MASSES.—Orchestral and choral services on a large scale seem to be growing in popularity, not only in London but in the provinces; and Manchester and several other provincial towns are following the lead of the metropolis in this respect. At St. Mary-lebone Canon Barker introduced a considerable selection from Spohr's fine work, *The Last Judgment*, as a special Advent service; and at several of the Kensington Churches the season was marked in the same suitable way. At Manchester, Sunday afternoon seem to be the time chosen for these musical services, which are drawing large congregations; consisting, it is said, in great part, of those who are not often to be found within church walls. As a short office of prayer and a brief address are included in the scheme, it may be hoped that these services will not only attract non-churchgoers, but will serve to win them back to a habit of regular worship.

WELL SUPPORTED.—In Ireland the Romish Church derives out of the public funds more than £687,900 annually. This includes a sum of £572,244 as per report of Commissioners of National Education of 1883-4; a sum of £112,000 to Romish Reformatory and Industrial Schools; a sum of £11,000 to Romish Chaplains in workhouses, prisons and asylums, and to nuns in workhouses; and a sum of £21,000—being interest calculated at 5 per cent. accruing annually from the capital amount given the Maynooth College at the time of the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

WORK FOR LAMBETH CONFERENCE.—At the annual Synod of the Scottish Bishops, held in Edinburgh on the 23rd November, the Bishop of Brechin, Primus, presided, and there were also present the Bishops of Glasgow, Moray, Aberdeen, Argyll and Edinburgh. The Primus referred to the circular which had been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Lambeth Conference of 1888, to which it was requested that each Bishop should reply separately. The Synod considered that, among other subjects, the Conference should deal with (1) the schismatical intrusion of bishops and clergy into other dioceses than their own, and (2) the orders of those ordained by schismatic bishops on which they desired to have a decision by the whole Anglican communion.

SUNDAY NOT SABBATH.—A correspondent of the *English Notes and Queries* says the only words in the English language for the first day in the week, before the existence of Paritanism were Sunday and Lord's Day. The former of these expressions was used by our Saxon ancestors, in common with all Teutonic nations; the latter was adopted from the Christian forms in use in Southern Europe. Saturday, in Italian, still retains the name of Sabbath. The word for Sunday in Russian means resurrection—"an Easter day in every week"—identifying the day, as the southern nations do, though more significantly, with the great triumph of Christian faith in the rising of our Lord from the grave.—*Iowa Churchman*.

CHURCH ACTIVITY IN CHICAGO.—The activity of the Church in the city of Chicago has been very marked during the past few years, and quite commensurate with the increase of eighty per cent. in communicants in the city since 1880. The Western Theological Seminary, with its equipment and endowment of nearly two hundred thousand dollars, would alone be proof of the spirit and zeal of Chicago churchmen; and added to this there is the renovated and beautiful cathedral with its fine clergy house; Epiphany Church and its group of buildings, worth \$100,000; and an ever-increasing number of churches, in process of rebuilding or building, and flourishing Missions and Mission-Chapels in all parts of the city.

AN OPINION.—At a Church Defence meeting in Ashton-under-Lyne, Canon Eagar said he gave it as his calm and deliberate opinion that since the great robbery of the Irish Church the sun of righteousness had never shone upon our land. He might be wrong, but after carefully examining the state of our trade, the circum-