

The Dean of Norwich has been speaking with his usual candor about the use of our English Cathedrals. His confidences have been made to a representative of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, which is interesting itself in 'the Cathedrals and the People.' The Dean is, speaking broadly, altogether dissatisfied with the Cathedrals as they are. He thinks they do not represent 'the modern spirit;' that they disclose our poverty in successful preachers; that they are too much alienated from the evangelistic side of the Church's work, and that they do not influence the national life as they ought. Dean Lefroy would like to see the nave used for lectures 'on the sacred side of all social questions,' suggesting the propriety of addresses by such men as Livingstone, Stanley, Gordon, Cairns and Havelock. The suggestion will startle many, but it may fairly be urged that if performances of sacred oratorios are justifiable, missionary lectures cannot be much out of place.

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