

On Sunday evening (Nov. 3rd) the spacious Church of St. Mary, Haggerston, was thronged from end to end, numbers of really poor inhabitants standing through the whole service, which was magnificently rendered by a volunteer choir. The Bishop of Tennessee was the preacher. There was nothing calling for notice in his sermon, but before he gave the Benediction he addressed the congregation in a strain of enthusiasm very unusual in the English Church:

After a brief reference to the feast of dedication, he said that in America they sometimes heard that the Church of England, by whom his Church, was begotten, and at whose ample breasts she had been nourished, was an old and effete institution. What he had witnessed in the length and breadth of the land convinced him how fallacious was this view. Only on Friday, at Ely, he had been present at a missionary meeting, where there were Bishops from Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, and the island Church was now the mother of churches all over the world. It was a great thing to be a citizen of this mighty empire, but it was far greater to be a Catholic Churchman. "H," said the Bishop with great energy, "we are not Catholic Churchmen, we are nothing." Having said that Rome could never prove her claim to be the only Church so long as the Churches of England and America held as they did to what had been enunciated by the first six Councils, he concluded by saying that dark times was in store for this Church: that her bark was riding in a tempestuous sea, but he was confident that she would be more than conqueror, and that children yet unborn should arise and call her blessed.—*Guardian*.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. Lonsdale, died very suddenly at his episcopal residence Eccleshall Castle on the 19th of October.

Although in his 89th year, Dr. Lonsdale was engaged actively in his work, and on the very day of his death had attended a meeting in furtherance of some Church school scheme. He had been a Bishop, and a successful one, too, for twenty-four years. By his marriage and other circumstances he had become a rich man, but during his whole episcopate he had saved scarcely anything beyond the expenses of taking possession of the see. But his money was not spent in luxury or in a magnificent establishment. We read that except a moderate sum which he gave to his married children, the diocese has had the benefit of all the Bishop's private income in addition to the official income of £4,500.

The venerable *Bishop of Chichester* has given in his adhesion to the Lambeth Pastoral Letter in an address to his clergy in which he states that his absence from the late Conference of the Bishops was owing to indisposition.

The Rev. E. Ibbotson has had the honor of presenting to her Majesty a copy of the second edition of the Hawaiian Prayer book, together with the photograph of his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Hawaii, at whose baptism her Majesty and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales stood sponsors.

We are glad to be able to announce that the Church of St John, Baptist, Bathwick (the seats in which are entirely free and unappropriated, and the services maintained solely by the Offertory), will in future be left open on all week-days between the hours of ten in the morning and five in the evening, for the purpose of private devotion and meditation.—*Bath Express*.

The English Church Union has decided to prosecute the church warden of St Mary's, Atherstone, who, acting upon Archdeacon Hone's *dicta*, ventured to tear down the floral and other decorations at that church on the occasion of the recent Harvest Thanksgiving.—*Church Times*.

The Bishop of Melbourne has withdrawn his injunction against choral services, having obtained the opinion of London counsel that it was illegal.—*The Choir*.

## EDITORIAL NOTICES AND ANSWERS.

Another account of the consecration of the new church in St. Andrew's appears in some respects to be more correct than the description published in the last number of the Magazine, which was taken from the *St. Croix Courier*.

The Bishops and clergy assembled in the Madras School room adjoining the old church, and Hymn 164 was sung as a processional, not selections from the Psalms as was stated in our last number. Twenty-three were confirmed at the evening service. Forty three were confirmed last year. The Sunday School is said to be well organised.

We hope that our friends throughout the diocese will kindly furnish us with brief descriptions of the Christmas decorations in their churches this season.

A. W. M.—1. Your enclosure was duly delivered. 2. The numbers you received were sent gratuitously.