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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

ATTRACTIVE POWER OF THE CHURCH AND HER LITURGY.—In a late number the *New York Sun* has a long article upon *Christian Union*, in which the following startling testimony, as coming from a purely secular paper, is given:—

"Such worship is provided by the Episcopal Church, whose liturgy seems to satisfy the general want better than the forms of service to which the religious bodies outside of its communion are accustomed. As it is, a very large portion, perhaps the majority, of attendants upon Episcopal churches were brought up in other communions, so that those denominations are forced to consider whether the adoption of some kindred form of worship is not beginning to be essential to their prosperity. Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians are seeing their young people drawn away by the attractions of a liturgy, so that churches which were once strong and influential are now falling into decadence; and yet they cannot call the wanderers back with the old denominational cries, for those have lost their potency. Where we are, the reply is, we get in substance the same religion, and we find a worship more agreeable to our tastes and more satisfactory to our hearts. The younger generation of ministers, too, are poor partisan leaders for these denominations. They find that the more catholic they are in their opinions the more acceptable they become to the majority of their congregations, and the more successful they are likely to be in drawing recruits from among the young.

THE BAPTIST EXCLUSIVENESS GIVING WAY.—The same paper adds:—

"Of all the denominations outside of Episcopalianism the most tenacious of its separate existence has been the Baptist, and yet we find in the last number of the *Forum* an article from a Baptist, who confesses that he and many of his brethren are getting tired of their exclusive position. 'The more we remove the special distinctions that separate us,' says this Baptist, 'the more unobstructed will be the union based upon those grander elements which we have in common.' He describes the Methodists as divided from the Episcopalians by an air line simply, 'a difference in the atmosphere,' and the Episcopalians from many other Christians by 'a line of prayer books only,' but the Baptists as cut off from all by a canal, over which he suggests that the time has come for putting a few convenient bridges. We see, therefore, that even this exclusive denomination is at last waking up to the advantages of Christian union."

BISHOP HANNINGTON'S SUCCESSOR.—On St. Luke's Day the Rev. Henry Perrott Parker was consecrated to the Bishopric of Eastern Equatorial Africa, in succession to the martyred Bishop Hannington. The same afternoon tidings reached England of the seizure and imprisonment of Mr. Mackay by the King of Zan-zibar. *Absit omen!—sed fiat voluntas Deo.* Bishop Parker goes forth with the heartfelt

prayers of a Christian people. May the Preserver of all preserve and bless the new Bishop in his work!

THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION.—It is yet a far cry to June 20th, 1887, but no one can hear without joy that there is to be a public thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey on that day, being the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's accession. The service will be a function of much state, and it is to be attended by the Queen, the Royal family, the Ambassadors and special representatives of Foreign Courts, the members of both Houses of Parliament, members of Convocation, Privy Councillors and others.

BISHOP ELLIOTT ON NEW BISHOPRICS.—The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, in opening the Gloucester Diocesan Conference recently, advocated the increase of the Episcopate. He recommended the creation of at least six new bishoprics in addition to the two already in process. Some method more prompt than that of laboriously collecting £350,000 must be found, and the only available method was to do it mainly out of existing funds. By taxing all Episcopal incomes they might raise £12,000 a year available for apportionment to the new bishoprics. The area would be in most cases a county, and this area would have to provide such a sum as, with the annual apportionment from the fund, would supply an income at least equal to the minimum of income assigned by recent legislation. Nothing would more contribute to Church efficiency and Church defence than the completion of such a scheme.

NEW BISHOPRICS IN THE UNITED STATES.—Bishops have been chosen for the newly grouped missionary jurisdictions. For Utah and Nevada a former co-laborer of Bishop Tuttle is elected, at his nomination: The Rev. R. M. Kirby, rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, in the Diocese of Albany. For Wyoming and Idaho: The Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, principal of a successful school at Macon, Missouri.

THE DENOMINATIONAL "CLUCK."—Not a chick in a barnyard that knows not the peculiar cluck of its own mother-hen. And the same in the ecclesiastical yard. Of a Sunday, how the flocks gather—the Baptist brood here, the Methodist brood there. There is not a very great difference in the cluck, but the sectarian ear is nice to catch it. When will all this cease, and all be gathered into one flock, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings?—*Church Messenger.*

A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR SERMON.—Bishop Whittingham once preached to some New York merchants, and after the service one of them came, begged the sermon, hugged it to his bosom, went off, and the next day brought it back with a check for \$10,000 for Church work, from the auditor of the day before. Only a short time before his death did the Bishop ever reveal whence he got the money.

A BISHOP FOR BATHURST, N.S.W.—The Rev. F. W. Goodwyn, vicar of Bharrow, Sheffield, has been nominated to the Bishopric of Bathurst, New South Wales, in succession to Bishop

Marsden, who resigned the see last year, after holding it for seventeen years. The Diocesan Synod of Bathurst left the appointment in the hands of three Colonial Bishops (the present Bishop of Manchester, Bishop Perry, formerly of Melbourne, and the late Bishop of Bathurst), who have unanimously recommended Mr. Goodwyn, and he has accepted the offer, subject to election by the Synod of Bathurst. The new Bishop, who is 36 years of age, was ordained in 1873 to the curacy of St. Mary Major, Exeter. From 1876 to 1879 he was senior curate at Doncaster. In 1879 he was appointed vicar of Sharrow. The Diocese of Bathurst has an area of 200,000 square miles, a population of 100,000, and 32 clergy.

THANK-OFFERING.—Canon Liddon has presented £100 to provide some ornament for the Cathedral Church of St. Mary's, Edinburgh, as an expression of appreciation of the honor done him by the Clergy of the diocese in offering him the Bishopric.

STILL ANOTHER.—The *Unitarian Herald* says: "The Rev. J. Moden has gone over to the Church of England, and has been admitted to Deacon's orders by the Bishop of Ripon. Mr. Morden became Dr. Crosskey's missionary some years ago, having left the orthodox Dissenting connection in which he had been brought up. He afterwards occupied the pulpits at Canterbury, Ashford, and the Free Christian Church, Leicester.

MISSION AT OXFORD.—During the eight days, from October 3 to October 10, a simultaneous Mission was held, with the approval of the Bishop of the diocese, in almost all the parishes of Oxford. Ten years have elapsed since a similar attempt was made, and much labor was expended in preparation. Invitations were issued, in some cases several months beforehand, and a staff of lay helpers organized for the distribution of leaflets and the exercise of personal influence. It is, of course impossible to form an estimate of the real success or failure of such a scheme, but as far as regards the size and attentiveness of the congregations, there is much ground for encouragement and thankfulness. No sensational means were employed, either in the services themselves or in their advertisement, but an immense number of people availed themselves of the opportunities offered to them, and it may be hoped with lasting profit.

SIGNIFICANT.—It is significant that the two evangelical prelates *par excellence*—Drs. Ryle and Bickersteth—in their Church Congress addresses, were strong on the need of daily services and frequent Eucharists. Taken in connection with Mr. Aitken's bold declaration, this looks like a new departure.

THE PROPOSED CHURCH HOUSE, LONDON.—An enthusiastic and largely attended meeting was held in the Library of Lambeth Palace on the 18th ult., to appoint a committee of 30 members with power to procure a site, employ an architect, make arrangements for collection of funds, and take such other steps as may be necessary to carry the scheme into effect, and