

"British Colony directed his steps." (The italics are mine.)

Why not act upon this? and why not have a service in all the English cathedrals? There are now thirty-three Dioceses in England and some sixty-two in the Colonies; (not to mention the Scotch, Irish and American, and I do not see why every Anglo-Catholic Diocese should not take part;) and if no more were done than that each Bishop should have a thanksgiving service and ask special offerings in aid of that institution which Bishop Inglis founded and which he considered of the greatest importance to his Diocese, no doubt a goodly sum would be raised. But more than this ought to be done, and much more *could* be done. Let us see whether it will be done.

The writer I have quoted says \$50,000 raised to "perpetuate the first work undertaken by a Colonial Prelate would be a fitting memorial of the event commemorated, and would secure the efficiency of an institution which has done good service to the Church, and is capable, if well sustained, of still greater usefulness in the future."

I would say that the amount should be put down at just double his figures, viz., \$100,000. The College does need \$50,000 to make it efficient, and it needs \$50,000 more for new buildings. New buildings and a sufficient endowment for KING'S COLLEGE would be the most fitting memorial that could be raised. J. S.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Living Church* says:—There are in the Church two classes of persons who unwittingly, each in their own way, do harm: the extreme Ritualist, and the impassive Formalist. The former, in the use of practices which run ahead of sound teaching and patient education, prejudices people against the Catholic Faith; the latter, by his religious professions and observance of forms, which have no corresponding substance in his actual life, disgusts men with Christianity itself. Which is the worst need not be said; but it is clear that offences are not all on one side.

The *Church Worker* of Indianapolis has the following excellent remarks on Confirmation.—

At this season of the year the clergy begin their preparation of classes for Confirmation. It is all important that great care should be taken, and the most thorough instruction given. The future of the Church of Indiana will greatly depend upon the thoroughness of training of the candidates for Confirmation. The bishop has noticed great carelessness on the part of some of the clergy in this important department of pastoral work. The training of candidates is left until they receive notice from him of his visit, and then hasty visits are made through the parish to find candidates. Often they are not gathered in classes at all, and no systematic instruction in regard to Christian duties and baptismal obligations is given. In every parish there should be a Confirmation class under constant instruction. The bishop's visitation over, a new class should be begun, careful instruction given in the principles of the Church, the Catechism, Baptismal, Confirmation, and Communion, offices explained, and the whole Christian life and its character brought clearly before them. The clergyman should be well supplied with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharistic literature, and these should be given to the candidates to read and study. We know that it is not always possible to gather the candidates in classes; in these cases careful instruction at home and from the pulpit can be given, and supplemented by useful reading material. Devotional books should be given to candidates to assist and guide them in the devout life. The Communion alms can be well employed in procuring these.

The *Church Press* says:—

The spirit of the Church is tolerant. It is in part the glory of the Church that it embraces in its folds members who adopt not antagonistic doctrines, but rather diverse views upon some fundamental themes. This toleration and comprehensiveness beautifully accord with the Catholic character and divine claims of the Church. It is as the representative of God, as the reflex of His will, as the agent of His mercy, as the medium through which He manifests Himself to the world, that the Church has been established; and alike in its doctrines, its sacraments, its government, its worship, there is the impress of the Divine hand, and a perfect adaptation to our human constitution and need.

A layman in the *Church Record* criticizes the reading of the clergy in church:—

Now, I do not want to be classed among chronic fault-finders, but in my judgment the crying evil of our day is *fast reading*. Can we expect young or old to be impressed with this school-boy style of reading the prayers and God's Holy Word? It is true we get inspiration from God, but if the clergyman reads so fast that we can with difficulty keep up with him, then the inspiration is hindered—clouded. While this habit cannot be entirely overcome by old or middle-aged clergymen, it seems to me it can be greatly improved. The young certainly can be taught in our schools and colleges to make sense of what they read. The service of our Church is considered to be of far more importance than the sermon, and in nine cases out of ten if a clergyman reads well he will deliver his sermon well. This is a vital matter for the Church to consider. We do not ask the clergyman to speak too slow, but with the spirit and the understanding also. St. Paul says:—"Yet in the Church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (1 Cor., 14-19.) While our fast and careless readers do not speak in an unknown tongue, yet they do not edify us laymen.

The *Southern Churchman* says:—

We would not for a moment depreciate the work of those evangelists who have gone from city to city preaching mainly the doctrine of the Atonement. We believe that vast good has been done by the plain and simple manner in which they have presented central truths. At the same time we should remember that it is not thus that the greatest work is done in building up the kingdom of the Redeemer. The patient and continuous toil of the regular ministry, the thousands and tens of thousands of obscure workers, all these are they who do the mighty work of building the temple of the living God. The unknown laborer in the mountain defiles, or in the distant heathen land, or in the sick room, may not have the sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal of the modern press to herald his coming or report upon his labors, but he has the Lord of heaven to smile approvingly upon his work, and the host of angels to rejoice over each sinner converted under his ministrations.

BRITISH BUDGET.

The Rev. Thomas Jackson, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's and Rector of Stoke Newington, died on Thursday week in his 74th year. He was the eldest son of the late Rev. Thomas Jackson, some time President of the Wesleyan body, and was appointed to the living of Stoke Newington by the late Bishop Blomfield.

The Consecration of the Rev. G. W. H. Knight-Bruce, D.D., Head of the Oxford House, St. Andrew's, Bethnal Green, to be Bishop of Bloemfontein, took place on the Feast of the

Annunciation in the church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel Road. The preacher was the Rev. A. J. Mason, Canon of Truro.

Mr. Thomas Hughes, Q.C., has undertaken to write the life of the late Bishop of Manchester. The materials for the biography are abundant. The work will probably be published by Messrs. Macmillan.

The Dean of Winchester is about to restore the marble-covered sarcophagus of William Rufus to its ancient place before the high altar in Winchester Cathedral. The tomb was removed fifteen years ago on the ground of convenience to a place behind the feretory, or place of shrines, and it is now to be replaced where for centuries it occupied a position of honour, surrounded not only by the monuments and remains of the Saxon and Danish monarchs, but by those of his brother and Cardinal Bishop de Blois, the Conqueror's grandson by his daughter Adela, and the founder of the charity of St. Cross Hospital.

The committee for erecting a memorial to the late Bishop of Lincoln have approved the designs of Messrs. Bodley and Garner said by the Bishop of Nottingham to be "the most beautiful example of a sepulchral which rises a high tabernacle supported by flying buttresses containing a statuette of the Saviour in the act of benediction. The twelve Apostles fill niches round the basement. The Bishop's effigy is vested in mitre and cope, with the pastoral staff. The arms of the see of Lincoln and of the deceased prelate occupy the spandrels of the chief door. It will be placed in the first arch of the retro-choir of Lincoln Cathedral.

We regret to record the death of the venerable Earl of Chichester, at the age of eighty-two years. Lord Chichester was one of the most active Churchmen of his day.

The Bishop of London's first appointment to an important living, that of St. Martin's in the Fields, has fallen to the Rev. J. F. Kitto, rector of Stepney, one of the ablest and most popular East-end clergymen. Mr. Kitto's preferment has given universal satisfaction.

The Bishop of Bedford has distributed 2,000 copies of a paper "On purity" to the men of East London.

The old Corn Exchange at Wakefield, England, where the next Church Congress is to be held, will seat 2,400 persons; and it is to be extended so as to seat under the same roof 1,000 more.

AMERICAN BUDGET.

Bishop Lee has published a statement respecting our Church work in Mexico since 1883, and earnestly pleads that it may not be abandoned.

At Kaolin, S.C., the company who own the clay pits have built a gothic chapel and a school-house for the people in their employ, and has secured the services of a minister.

On the third Sunday in Lent, at Trinity Church, New Orleans, after morning prayer, one hundred and six persons received, at the hands of the Bishop, the holy and apostolic rite of Confirmation. This was in many respect an extraordinary class, sixty being adults, many of whom were young men, a number of Romanists and Jews being members of it. The rector, is to be congratulated for presenting the largest class for Confirmation ever known in the diocese.

A respectable and learned Jew was recently baptized in St. Stephen's Church, New York