

## DEAN OF NORWICH ON MISSIONS.

AT Norwich, on the anniversary of the S. P. G., the Dean, in a very remarkable and beautiful address, spoke of the thought, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord," as comforting the heart of the Saviour in His hours of greatest agony and darkness, and said :—

"What is the great drawback to all these Missions? I believe all Missionaries will tell you that one great drawback is that the heathen see Christians so divided among themselves as to what is the truth. Fifty different communions of so-called Christians, some of them excommunicating one another with very bitter language—the doctrinal position taken up by some being totally different from the doctrinal position taken up by others, and the heathen being, of course, sufficiently shrewd to see that both doctrinal positions cannot possibly be true! 'More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church'—for, after all, the Catholic Church is God's great instrument for converting the world—"that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit"—the spirit of truth, and not only the spirit of truth but the spirit of love—"that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life;" or, as we have it in another part of our Church Service, 'Grant that all they that do confess Thy holy name may agree in the truth of Thy holy word.' Now, if this was the spectacle which Christianity presented

abroad to the heathen—the spectacle of men perfectly agreeing in the truth, perfectly joined together in one mind, all deeply devoted in their hearts to the Lord Jesus, all animated by true zeal in His service, all regarding the Holy Scriptures as a precious treasure, and seeking to make them known, so as to confer upon others the peace and joy which they know—what must be the moral effect upon the heathen? Could they withstand it? Must not they be converted?

## A SAD SPECTACLE.

For a society that does not believe in Bishops, our Reformed Episcopal Society seems to have no little trouble with what it calls by that name. The congregation of St. Bartholomew's, Montreal, charged Bishops Nicholson and Fallows with "acting during their visit in a per- undignified and unchristian spirit." "It is truly lamentable," they say, "to behold two Bishops from the United States come to Canada, and try to stir up, in a very unchristian manner, animosity against a brother Bishop." We doubt if real Bishops ever do worse than that. Late news assures us that the only remedy for their discords is the election of another Bishop, and Bishop Latane convened a Synod for that purpose. If they go on making Bishops at the same rate, the supply of Presbyters will soon be exhausted, and the Bishops will be obliged to oversee each other. There is one crumb of comfort, however, in the fact that the Gregite schismatics are outnumbered in the Synod. On the whole, we fear Episcopacy is a "germ," and that it was a mistake to leave it