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At the recent Church Congress in Leicester, the Bishop of Truro remarked:—"Not ten years ago it was called unpractical, useless, utopian, oblivious of facts to make the Cathedral the home of clerical training." Three Cathedrals, and one of our quasi-cathedrals—Lincoln, Truro, Ely, Leeds—have in that short time become and such houses, in the most real way.

Bishop Spalding has no church debt in his diocese of Colorado, U. S.

It is said that when Leo XIII. was elevated to the Pontificate, he wrote to Dr. Dollinger,—"Come back; there is a new Pope." The Doctor's reply is said to have been,—"Yes; but the old Papacy."

Lord Penzance has granted permission to the Persecution Company to signify Mr. Pelham Dale to the Court of Chancery as in contempt, for venturing to officiate at St. Vedast's in defiance of a monition. The cases of Messrs. Enraght and Green have been adjourned to Nov. 20th. Lord Penzance is evidently puzzled to know how to deal with the latter especially.

At a recent Congregationalist service in Oswestry, it was pointed out by the preacher that non-conformists are altering all their old nomenclature. "The cause" is now "the church;" "the means" has become "the services;" those who "sat under a stated minister" are now "the worshippers at such and such a church;" the pastor and deacons no longer refer to the "devout females" and "hand-maids,"—they are all "the ladies of the congregation;" the long prayers have given place to two or three shorter ones with chants and anthems interspersed. The old puritanical objections to "steeple houses" have disappeared in favor of "gim-crack gothic spires." These things were mentioned by the speaker as healthy indications of a departure from the bigotry of their ancestors.

In order to have some consistency as well as some sentiment of dignity with regard to the operation of the new Burial Act, it is suggested that the clergy shall keep a communicant roll, and that no one who is not on that roll shall have the usual burial office used. There certainly ought to be some distinction of this kind made, as well here as in England.

In answer to the statement that "it was in 1746 that Wesley may be said to have thrown overboard, finally, the last of his High Church learnings," it has been shown that Wesley wrote in a public letter to Lord North, in the year 1775, when he was seventy-two years of age, "I am a High Church-

man, the son of a High Churchman." But a Dr. Rigg requests that people would not "quote Wesley to Wesleyan ministers, as it only irritates!"

The first Cathedral restoration in the nineteenth century is claimed for the Cathedral of Christ Church, Oxford, where on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, being the Festival of St. Frideswide, the 700th anniversary of the consecration of the church, (the original St. Frideswide Monastery), was duly kept. There was an early celebration. The completion of the Cathedral just synchronized with this date—a reredos having just been put up over the altar, and the chapter house having just been restored to its primitive dimensions and beauty. The only Cathedrals which could at all challenge a claim to priority against Oxford would be Hereford, St Asaph and Chichester; but in none is the restoration so really complete as at Christ Church, where even all the windows, save some in the clerestory and transperts are filled with stained glass.

In a stirring article on the question, "Who is to win?" the *Church Times* remarks on the losses to Rome,—"Out of all possible comparison, the heaviest of those losses was John Henry Newman, a rare genius, outweighing in importance the total of all the other seceders. There are to be found shrewd thinkers among us, who having noted the Roman careers of Manning, Faber, Ward, and some few other conspicuous converts, and the irreparable damage they have done to the best interests of their new communion, say that we were well and timely rid of them, as they might have worked like mischief here, had they stayed with us.....But nothing seems at first sight capable of being said in depreciation of the gravity of Newman's secession. Yet, we are very sure that it would not have been permitted save for the higher benefit of the Church of England: and we believe the truth to be that his removal prevented, what till then, was possible, his installation, however unwilling, at the head of a sectional party.....Newman's presence would have left the Catholic Revival a deep, but narrow stream; his secession broke the banks, and spread it into a fertilizing sea.

As to the great majority of those who have left us since 1851, the loss has been entirely their own. They have been, as a rule, the dullards and weaklings of the flock, and thinning them out has been as grateful to us as it is to our army to clean it of its non-effectives. We could spare a few more of the sort still; though we must do ourselves the justice to say that the modern clerical fool generally prefers the Broad Church ranks when he is not an hereditary Evangelical.

It has been clearly shown that hitherto the result of the Burial Act in England has been a gain to the Roman Catholic body there, and not to Protestant Dissenters. The Roman Catholics in a number of instances have had their Burial Services in the burying grounds of the Church of England in consequence of that Act.

It is worthy of note that the speech at the Church Congress which has given most offence to the nonconformists, was the Bishop of Liverpool's.

They consider that a churchman who makes such large admissions to Dissent puts himself out of court, and any attempt to lecture them becomes in his mouth an impertinence.

It is proposed to restore the parish church of Stratford-on-Avon which contains the tomb of Shakespeare. About £20,000 will be required.

Sir Bartle Frere has been appointed a member of Her Majesty's Indian Council in London, at a salary of \$30,000.

The French Geographical Society has just been informed that a United States traveller, Dr. Lenz, arrived on the 19th, of August at Arrouan, six days march from Timbuctoo. It was near there that Major Laing was assassinated in 1826.

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT.

AS Advent draws near, the church in her services introduces the subjects which belong rather to the approaching season than to Trinity.

The "Prophet that should come into the world," "the Lord our Righteousness," understood to fulfil all the promises which had been given to the church and to complete the deliverance of mankind; and although by His death on the Cross, He secured the accomplishment of His undertaking; yet the actual accomplishment of the work which He came to do, in all its features and dimensions, still remains the subject of anxious expectation and of earnest prayer. Although the foundations of the kingdom of Satan are effectually loosened, and its overthrow decreed, its downfall has not yet taken place. For the furtherance of that object and for the work of establishing and building up the church, of which He Himself had laid the foundation, that our Blessed Lord ordained a ministry, and gave an especial commission to His Apostles, and through them to their successors to disciple all nations by baptizing them, to feed them with the bread of life, to bless them in His name, to minister the word and the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, to reprove, rebuke, exhort, and to guide and direct the operations of the church. A work no less varied in its features than awful in its responsibilities; and in the performance of which the Christian Priesthood has peculiar rights and advantages. But, in the mean time, Satan is continually laboring in his evil vocation, and is too effectually seconded by the corrupt affections and perverse reasonings of men. It is, therefore, so much the more necessary for the faithful servants of Jesus Christ to wait for His coming with power to establish His Kingdom on earth, and to destroy the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. It is still their duty to pray for the more abundant effusion of the Holy Spirit, and the more rapid and extensive enlargement of the elect of Christ's fold. After these ministrations of the Church have run the course allotted them by the Lord Jesus, we are assured that He will Himself take the work in hand, and execute it completely to the utter discomfiture of all opponents; for we have His own recorded promise,—"He which testifieth these things saith, surely, I come quickly."

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