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### ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

ARCHBISHOPRIC OF AUSTRALIA PROPOSED.—A motion proposed by the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. Sandford), recommending that the title of Archbishop be assigned to the primacy of Australia and Tasmania was very fully debated in the General Synod, held in Sydney in October last. The Bishop of Ballarat (Dr. Thornton) proposed that it should be referred to a select committee to consider what objections, if any, existed to the creation of an Archbishopric, to report to the present session. The Venerable Dean of Melbourne (Dr. Macartney) plead that the title of Primate was superior to that of Archbishop. The President of the Synod (Dr. Barry) urged that it would be inexpedient to act without reference to the authorities at home, who must be more or less affected by the action of this Province. The Bishop of Tasmania's proposal was generally received with favor, and after negating the amendment, it was carried by a majority of all the orders:—

House of Bishops—Ayes, 5; noes, 4.

House of Clerics—Ayes, 25; noes, 20.

Laymen—Ayes, 15; noes, 5.

After this, on motion of the Bishop of Adelaide (Dr. Kennion) it was proposed and carried:—

"That a committee be appointed to inquire how far it is practicable and advisable to give

effect to the motion of the Bishop of Tasmania relative to the establishment of the Archbishopric of Sydney, and to report to the Synod at a later period of the session."

ACTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF AUSTRALIA ON UNITY.—The Bishop of Adelaide moved:—

"That this Synod desires to place on record its solemn sense of the evil of the unhappy divisions among professing Christians; and through His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury respectfully prays the conference of Bishops to be assembled at Lambeth in 1888 to consider in what manner steps should be taken to promote greater visible unity among those who hold the same creed."

This was supported by a long and eloquent speech, at the conclusion of which the Bishop was seized with faintness and had to retire. The Bishop of Brisbane (Dr. Webber) was the seconder. The Bishop of Tasmania supported the motion in very wise and thoughtful language. He said that it would be unwise to begin to formulate any specific scheme for bringing about the unity of all Christians. Greater unity was wanted in their midst. There should be a deeper sense in their hearts of the facts that we were all in great trespass before God so long as there was schism among Christians. He would like it to go forth from the Synod to their brethren who were separated from them that they were yearning in their hearts after fellowship and union with them. They desired to love them as brethren in Christ Jesus.

The motion was fully debated in a similar tone of feeling and was finally agreed to. It is an unhappy comment on such a motion that several of our Australian dioceses should be at this time seriously and dangerously distracted by personal and party quarrels or agitations. In one diocese it is a dispute of a Church dignitary with his superiors as to the order of precedence which should be allowed him. In another a high diocesan official, having been deposed from his official position and dignity for alleged insubordination, is now sending circulars far and wide to raise funds to prosecute his Bishop in the Supreme Court of the colony. The post brings one week a budget of correspondence with one of these circulars, appealing to the judgment of the public, and asking funds for the prosecution; the next week it brings another budget, which is intended to set the judgment of the reader right from the opposite point of view. Again, in our own diocese, the rise of this colonial branch of the Church Association, with all its traditions of prosecutions and bitterness and stirring up of parochial strife, and the opposition it is raising to the Cathedral reredos augur ill for that peace and unity among ourselves which should be our starting point for more brotherly relations with others outside our own communion.

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