

THE SUN, B

BISHOP CLAGGETT.

The First Protestant Episcopal
Prelate of Maryland.

CENTENNIAL OF HIS CONSECRATION.

Sketch of His Life and Ecclesiastical
Labors by Rev. Joseph Fletcher at
St. Barnabas' Church—His Tomb at
Croome, Prince George's County.

At the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Barnabas, Biddle street and Argyle avenue, last night, the centennial anniversary of the consecration of the first bishop of Maryland was commemorated. Right Rev. Thomas John Claggett's consecration marked also another important epoch in the history of the church, as he was the first bishop of any church elevated to that office on American soil.

The service at St. Barnabas's was the opening one of a series of special Sunday night services to be held there throughout the winter. Rev. Joseph Fletcher, the rector, has recently made researches into Maryland church history at the Episcopal Library, and he delivered in honor of the centennial anniversary, which occurred on Saturday, September 17, an interesting sketch of Bishop Claggett's life.

In part he said: "Maryland's first bishop was born at Croome, Prince George's county, Md., October 2, 1743. His father was the