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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE consecration of the Assistant Bishop of Kansas, the Rev. Elisha Smith Thomas, D.D., took place in St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, Minn. (his own parish church), on Wednesday, May 4. The consecrator, the Bishop of Kansas, was assisted by the Bishops of Minnesota (the preacher), Missouri, Fond du Lac, Indiana, and the Assistant of Minnesota. About fifty Priests and Deacons attended.

BISHOP WHIPPLE'S sermon at the consecration of Bishop Thomas, noted above, was from the words of our Lord, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." He addressed the Bishop-elect as "his son in the Gospel for twenty years, his right hand, and trusted friend and helper, as scarcely any one else had been; wise in counsel, patient and steadfast in adversity, unsparing in labors, beloved by his brethren in the Ministry, and of good report among those without, of all classes."

WHAT a fuss we make, says the *Family Churchman*, of new bishoprics! What endless heartburnings ensue upon the appeals for funds! And here we read in a four-line paragraph, as a simple matter of fact which yet ought to be of grave significance to us:—

The Pope has created five new bishoprics in Australasia—namely, at Grafton, Wilcannia, Sale, Porte Augusta, and Christchurch (New Zealand); and also vicariates apostolic at Kimberley (Queensland), in the Fiji Islands, and Melanesia, the last comprising the English portion of New Guinea.

Our way is slow and sure, no doubt, but it lacks the dash and brilliancy of His Holiness. Five bishoprics and three apostolic vicariates created by a stroke of the pen! In Her Majesty's dominions, too, for which we ought to be grateful to His Holiness.

THE continuity of the Church of England has been curiously illustrated by a proposal to build a church at Chilcomb, a suburb of Winchester

where the Dean stated that there was land that had been held by the Cathedral since the year 644!

WE are able to announce that the Rev. Dr. Ainger, who has occupied the post of Reader at the Temple Church since 1866, has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor to the vacant Canonry of Bristol, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Percival, resigned. The Canonry is valued at £700 per annum, but of course has been affected by the agricultural depression.

THE library of Canterbury Cathedral has just been enriched by the addition of about ten thousand volumes presented to the Dean and Chapter by the widow of the late Archdeacon Harrison. Included in the number (as we have already stated) is the invaluable Howley collection—the library of Archbishop Howley, which was left by that prelate to the late Archdeacon.

THE Right Rev. S. E. Marsden, late Bishop of Bathurst, Australia, will for the present act as Coadjutor Bishop to the Bishop of Winchester, who is still in a delicate state of health. Bishop Marsden will commence his duties at once by an episcopal visitation of the Isle of Wight.

MR. EDLSTON, having resigned the office of Congregational Minister at Bottisham, Cambridgeshire, Eng., is about to be ordained to a curacy in the Diocese of Manchester.

MR. EDWARD WADSWORTH, formerly a silk manufacturer of Macclesfield, has offered 5000*l.* as a Jubilee gift to restore Macclesfield Parish Church, and a second 5000*l.* contingent upon his approving the details of restoration. The Vicar has accepted both offers.

THE Church of St. Peter's, Chester, was reopened lately, after being closed for some months for restoration. The Bishop of the Diocese preached, and remarked that few churches in all England had more historical association than St. Peter's. He referred to it as standing on the very spot upon which was once the Roman Prætorium—the centre of life and of administration of the Roman city.

THE Bishop of Newcastle in his first Visitation Charge a few weeks ago, gave an encouraging retrospect of the work of the Church in the diocese, and referred to the sum of 243,795*l.* which had been raised for church work since his consecration.

It is officially announced that the arrangements for admission to Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on June 21 will be under the direction of the Lord Chamberlain. In order that the ceremony may be of a national and representative character, seats will, by Her Majesty's command, be apportioned to members of both Houses of Parliament, to representatives of the army, navy, civil service, Church, law, colonies, India and numerous other bodies and persons selected to represent the nation, with whom the Lord Chamberlain will communicate as

soon as arrangements can be made for the distribution of the tickets. The space for spectators other than the above will be extremely limited.

THE rumour is current that the arrangements for the service in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee at Westminster Abbey are to cost 20,000*l.*, and that the Abbey is to be closed for many weeks in preparation for it.

THE appeal of the Rev. J. Bell-Cox, Incumbent of St. Margaret's Foxtoth, Liverpool, against the decision of Lord Penzance in the Hakes suit, has been dismissed. The *Churchman* says:—It is understood that no further proceedings in the way of appeal will be taken in the Bell-Cox case. The defendant intends to allow matters to take their course, and although he had no official intimation to that effect he hourly expects to be arrested. The services proceeded as usual at St. Margaret's Church on the Sunday following the judgment. The Church was crowded again in the evening, when the Rev. J. Bell-Cox preached the sermon. At the close of his discourse he said:—And now, dear people, I suppose I have addressed you for the last time for many a weary month to come. Ere to-morrow's sun sets I may find myself a prisoner in one of Her Majesty's goals. I go for conscience' sake, and may God defend the right. For how long I know not. My prosecutor, to whom the power has been given to send me there, can keep me in, and he says he will do it. I beg your earnest and constant prayers that God will give me grace to bear and suffer patiently all that I will be called upon to endure for your sakes; and to your loving care and protection I commit those two dear ones at home—my wife and my child. God bless you. [We believe Mr. Cox has since been imprisoned.]

CANON LIDDON, in his Easter day sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral, expressed the opinion that the tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem was the real tomb in which the body of our Saviour lay. He gave an interesting description of the site, comparing it with scenes in classical and Jewish antiquity.

THE result of the Lenten mite chests in St. Augustine's, New York City, was \$416. Of this amount nearly \$400 was in cents. Word was sent to the Board of Missions that some one would have to come to help to carry it to the Mission rooms. It required three men, and they had a'l they wanted to do, to carry it from the church to 22 Bible House.

EASTER DAY is getting more and more observed as a great Christian festival by Presbyterian Scotland. Many of the churches were decorated florally this year, and in these there have been Easter anthems, Easter hymns, Easter sermons; "While some, a little more timid (says the Scottish correspondent of *John Bull*), have only ventured this time on an Easter recital of sacred music on some day immediately following." It would be a strange thing if eventually a revived ritual would be found the great means of uniting Christendom.