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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

BISHOP OF SODOR AND MAN.—Our exchanges state that the Right Rev. Rowley Hill, D.D., Bishop of Sodor and Man, died unexpectedly after a brief illness, at his residence in London in the last week in May. The deceased prelate was a leader of the Evangelical party in the Church of England, and an able and popular preacher. He was much regarded in his island diocese, and especially in the town of Douglas, where he took a prominent part in the open-air preaching every summer. Dr. Rowley Hill, who was the third son of the late Sir George Hill, an Irish baronet of the Country of Londonderry, was comparatively a young man, being only in the fifty-first year of his age. He was the sixty-seventh Bishop of Sodor and Man, to which See he was appointed by Lord Beaconsfield in 1877.

BISHOP BLYTH.—Bishop Blyth against whose appointment to the Jerusalem Bishopric so great an outcry has been most unreasonably raised, has already made a favourable impression in the East. On his way out he was received in Egypt by the Greek Patriarch, to whom he presented a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury. On St. Mark's Day, the Bishop visited the Coptic Church, Monastery, and schools of St. Mark—the church where tradition says St. Mark is buried—and was courteously received by the Bishop of Alexandria. The Bishop who is now making an episcopal tour through Palestine, is likely to strengthen the Church of England considerably in the East, and represent her most favourably in the sight both of Mahomedans and Christians.

BATHURST.—The Rev. Canon Camidge, Vicar of Thirsk, has accepted the bishopric of Bathurst, which has been vacant for some months. The diocese is one of the largest in the Australian colonies, but the income of the bishopric is comparatively small.

MISSIONARY ZEAL.—Rev. A. H. Lang, late scholar of St. John's College, Oxford, has placed his services at the disposal of the Archbishop of Canterbury for five years in connection with the mission of aid to Chaldean Christians. He will leave England in August for Kurdistan.

CHURCH PROGRESS.—The past year has been one of great activity in the Archdeaconry of Blackburn, six churches costing over £25,000 having been consecrated, while at the same time

there are four churches and four mission buildings in process of erection.

EASTON.—The sixth nominee for the Bishopric of Easton, U.S., (Rev. John S. Lindsay, D.D.) having declined the office, the Convention by a large majority of both orders elected the Right Rev. W. F. Adams, D.D., formerly missionary Bishop of New Mexico, and presently rector of Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Bishop is 57 years of age, and the circumstances connected with his resignation of New Mexico, are said to be these: Upon his election as missionary bishop, Dr. Adams started for his diocese. When at, or in the vicinity of Shreveport, he found a large number of persons leaving Louisiana and Texas, and suffering from yellow fever. He stopped with them, ministered to them, and nursed them until he himself was stricken with the fever, which so broke down his general health that when he reached his immense missionary diocese and entered on his duties, he found his physical condition such that he could not do his work, and was obliged to resign as the only chance for restoration. It is known now that his health is completely restored.

DELAWARE.—The Convention of this Diocese met on 1st June, and made an unsuccessful attempt to elect a successor to the late able Bishop the Right Rev. Dr. Lee. Any number of nominations were made, but none carried the requisite majorities, and finally the Convention adjourned till the 1st Wednesday in December.

THE NEW YORK CATHEDRAL PROJECT.—Bishop Potter has issued an address to the Citizens of New York, and to the clergy and churchmen of his diocese, asking their sympathy and co-operation in erecting a grand Cathedral in that city, and on Sunday the 3rd instant, sermons were preached in the several churches. The Rev. Dr. Huntington, Grace Church, and the Rev. Dr. Dix, at Trinity Church, strongly endorsed the Bishop's appeal, as did also the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, at St. George's, the Rev. Dr. Wm. F. Morgan, at St. Thomas's, the Rev. Dr. De Costa, at St. John's, and the Rev. Dr. Houghton, at the Church of the Transfiguration. It is understood that several large subscriptions have already been received. Among the donors are Messrs. D. Willis James, a prominent Presbyterian layman, and Henry G. Marquand, equally prominent among the Congregationalists. The Rev. Dr. Vermilye, Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church, Fifth Avenue, cordially commends the project in a published letter to the Rev. Dr. Robt. J. Nevin, who is temporarily assisting Bishop Potter in this special work.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL.—The first meeting of the Missionary Council of the P. E. Church of the U.S., will be held in Philadelphia, October 25. The council provided for by the amended missionary canon was elected at the late General Convention, and is composed of all the Bishops together with an equal number each of clergymen and laymen. They will receive the report of the Board of Managers for the year ending with August 31, and are author-

ized "to take all necessary action in regard to the missionary work of The Church, which shall not conflict with the general policy of the Board of Missions, as from time to time determined at its triennial sessions."

A LIVE CHURCH.—The Official year book of the Church of England, (which by the way ought to form part of every parish library and be in use), furnishes the best and strongest argument against the few advocates of disestablishment which could be devised. This large volume gives facts and figures which are instructive and interesting. The work of the Church of England, Ireland, Scotland, and the colonies is exhibited, not by way of laudation and boasting, but by the sober method of figures. Thus the contributions in money, which make a good test of practical religion, are given for 1860-84:—

Theological Schools, &c.....	£528,653
Church Building, &c.....	35,175,000
Home Missions.....	7,426,478
Foreign Missions.....	10,100,000
Education.....	21,362,041
Literature, &c.....	1,059,501
Charitable Works.....	3,818,200
Clergy Charities.....	2,103,364

£81,573,237

Average for five and twenty years, £3,262,929

The figures for 1885 were:—

General Church work.....	£3,919,568
Theological Schools, &c.....	16,231
Public School Missions.....	10,076
Elementary Education.....	1,058,000

£5,003,935

A Church which can show such a record is hardly ready to perish.—*Living Church.*

PASTORAL STAFF.—A handsome Pastoral staff of sterling silver, richly chased, was recently presented to the Rt. Rev. Richard Hooker Wilmer, D.D., in honor of his twenty-fifth year as Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama. The design was arranged to receive a Greek cross within the curve of the crozier, the centre of which was jewelled. The handle was of polished antique oak with bronze ornamentation. The staff was the gift of members of the diocese.

PEER PRIEST.—The death of Lord Saye and Sele, at the mature age of 88, removes from the Church one of the few peers in holy orders. He was the twentieth in descent from the Geoffrey Lord Saye, who was one of the twenty-five barons appointed to enforce the observance of Magna Charta. The eldest son of the Hon. and Venerable Thomas James Twistleton, D. D., Archdeacon of Colombo, he was educated at Winchester, and at New College, Oxford, where he graduated B. C. L., in 1825, and D. C. L. in 1832. He was ordained in 1823, made Prebendary of Hereford in 1825, treasurer of Hereford Cathedral in 1832, Canon Residentiary of Hereford in 1840, and Archdeacon of Hereford in 1863.

Much of the toleration for which the age is so clamorous is sheer indifference, and a snare and a delusion.