

been Sir C. Barry, and the total cost of the structure has been £7,000. The number of children for whom the means of education have been provided exceeds 1,400.

**DEATH OF DR. GILLY, OF NORHAM.**—Dr. Gilly, one of the Canons of Durham Cathedral and Vicar of Norham-on-the-Tweed, died at his residence in the city of Durham last week in the 67th year of his age. The death of this liberal and enlightened divine is deeply lamented by all classes, more especially by the peasantry of North Northumberland. Dr. Gilly was the first person who sought to ameliorate the condition of the agricultural labourers in North Northumberland by calling the attention of landholders and the general public to the then miserable state of the cottage dwellings generally found upon the estates in this district; and his benevolent suggestions have since been carried out with much spirit by the Duke of Northumberland and other large landholders. Dr. Gilly was also favourably known as the biographer of Felix Neff, the Apostolic Pastor of the French Vaudois, and as a writer of several works on the Waldenses, a people to whom he was zealously attached, and to whose claims on the sympathy of the English Protestants he was the first to draw attention. He was the means of raising a large subscription on their behalf, by which a college and library at La Tour, in Piedmont, was founded and maintained. Up to the time of his last sickness Dr. Gilly was engaged raising money for the extension of education among this interesting community. The Canonry of Durham, which is of the annual value of about £1,800, will not, we believe, be filled up. The living at Norham, which is of the value of £529 a year, is in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

**NEW CHURCH, NEAR THE HAYMARKET.**—A new church is about being commenced in Coventry-street, Haymarket, between Rupert-street and Princess-street. Her Majesty has subscribed £500; W. T. Egerton, Esq., M.P., £30; Viscount Sidney, £25; Bishop of London, £1,000, besides several other noblemen and gentlemen.

**MACHEN.**—A new church, erected just below the shadows of the Machen mountain, Machin, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Thursday. The church, which was built by subscription, is in the style of architecture which prevailed in the early part of the fifteenth century. The entire cost of the building will be £1,650. It is built to accommodate 250 persons.

**THE LATE BISHOP BROUGHTON.**—The monument erected in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral to the memory of Bishop

Broughton, has just been completed. The tomb is composed of Caen stone, and has been executed by Mr. A. G. Austin; the full-length effigy, in a recumbent posture, in alabaster, by Mr. Lough.

**NEW CEMETERY AT IPSWICH.**—The consecration of the new cemetery at Ipswich took place on Thursday. In the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, through infirmity, Dr. Spence, late Bishop of Madras, officiated.

A Roman Catholic clergyman of the diocese of Cashel has received a letter from an Irish priest, the Rev. Thomas Reardon, pastor of Eastern Pennsylvania, in the course of which the writer imploringly entreats his correspondent to use all his influence to check what he designates the insane spirit of emigration to America which seems to possess the people of Ireland. "They are rushing," says the writer, "on the almost certain ruin of their souls, while their temporal condition is at best but little improved. A full fifth of the number leaving Ireland are laid in strange graves within one short year from the day they quit their native shores, and the greater part of the others are soon broken down by the severe labor to which they must apply themselves, and the awful climate, which rapidly bring on premature old age, and hurry the poor victim into an early grave. From the hour they land to the hour they die, they are despised and spit upon, and in thousands of cases they die without the last rites of the church, or any of the consolations which at home would smooth their dying pillows, and prepare their souls for the solemn moment of departure. I have had much experience of the mode of life into which nearly all our people are drawn, and I solemnly believe that if the vessels which bring them over were suddenly to founder and carry every creature on board into the depths of the ocean, they would have a better chance of salvation than they have after they have lived for some years in this country. So entirely convinced am I of the fearful havoc of souls which is the result of coming here, that, were Almighty God to give me the power of building a wall of fire round Ireland to prevent its people leaving it, it should be built before the ink with which I write this line would dry. For the love of Jesus, try to keep your people at home, for every individual you keep you snatch a soul from hell."

The Rev. Ralph Old, rector of Semley, Dorset, who died a few days ago, at the age of eighty-five, has by his will made the following munificent bequests:—To the Incorporated Society for promoting Christian Knowledge at Home £2,400; to the Incorporated Society for promoting Christian Knowledge Abroad, £2,400; to the

Society for building and enlarging Churches and Chapels, £2,400; to the Salisbury Infirmary, £150; to the General Hospital at Bath, £450; to the choir of the parish of Sembley, £150; to certain poor of the said parish, £50.

The Rev. Geo. Mansfield, of St. Peter's, Saffron-hill, having recently declined a living with but a small population, offered to him by the Lord Chancellor, his congregation have presented him with a handsome token of their esteem, and as a special mark of the approbation for his preferring to remain at a post of great labour and difficulty, with an uncertain income, to going to one of ease, with a permanent provision.

We understand that the Rev. R. M. MacBrair, M.A., late of Cambridge, has resigned his appointment into the hands of the President of the Conference, and withdrawn from the connection, expressing his dissent from some parts of the Wesleyan economy and discipline. Mr. MacBrair is a native of Scotland, and studied at the University of Edinburgh, where he gained some important prizes, and obtained his degree of Master of Arts. He afterwards went abroad and studied more languages. Having offered his services to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, he was sent to Western Africa as linguist, to grapple with one or more of the negro tongues. He soon succeeded in forming a grammar of the Mandingo, and translated the Gospel into the same language. He also drew up a sketch of the Foola language (the most difficult of African dialects, and previously unknown to Europeans), which has lately been published by the Admiralty. Mr. MacBrair has also written some books in English, contributed to various popular periodicals, and was one of the originators and editorial committee of the well-known *Bulwark*, or Scottish Reformation Journal.—*Cambridge Chronicle*.

## UNITED STATES.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS.**—The annual meeting of this body commenced in St. Bartholomew's church, New York, on Wednesday morning, 17th inst.; the Bishop of Virginia presiding, and the Bishops of Ohio, New Jersey, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, Iowa, and Rhode Island, the Assistant Bishop of Virginia, and the Provisional Bishop of New York being also present with a considerable number of clergy and laity from various dioceses. The Rev. Prof. Van Pelt was unanimously re-elected Secretary. It appeared from the report of the Domestic Committee that it had now on its list 'four' missionary Bishops, and 104 its Priests and Deacons; 22 stations were now vacant; 49 new appointments had been made during the year; and there had been