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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

HOW THEY DO IT IN N. Y.—The total amount of subscriptions to the New York Cathedral fund amounted on June 9th. to \$450,000. Of this sum D. Wills James gives \$100,000, Cornelius Vanderbilt, \$100,000. John Jacob Astor, \$100,000, while Henry Marquand and others contributed \$150,000. For the site which was not determined upon, the committee were understood to be unwilling to give more than \$800,000, or \$1,000,000. The committee would be satisfied if \$2,000,000 could be raised in the next two or three months, and to have raised one quarter of this sum in a week's time is considered most encouraging.

BISHOP NILES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The 25th anniversary of the marriage of Bishop Niles was made the occasion of a very pleasant reception tendered to the Bishop and his wife by the Church people of Concord, on Monday, June 6th, the day after the actual date.

AN OLD CHURCH.—The 189th anniversary of the founding of the Old Swedes' (Holy Trinity) church, Wilmington, Del., being also the 189th dedication festival, was kept with the usual joyous services on Trinity Sunday. The church was built in 1698. under the pastorage of the energetic Ericus Biorek, and was dedicated with great solemnity on the following Trinity Sunday. The parish had pastors sent from Sweden, who ministered to Swedes and English alike, until 1786, when the Swedish mission to this country ceased, since which time the rectors have been English.

The synod of the United Presbyterians in America have decided in favor of the use of instrumental music in their services. The world moves!

PRESBYTERIANS AND UNITY.—The Presbyterian General Assembly, (South), which met in St. Louis, adopted the following reply to the declaration of the House of Bishops:

"In response to the declaration and resolution adopted by the House of Bishops and House of Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, convened in the city of Chicago, October 27, 1886, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States in session at St. Louis, recognizes with great joy the catholic spirit which inspires the declaration concerning Christian unity. It sympathizes fervently with every effort made in accordance with the word of God to promote godly union and concord with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. It rejoices to consult not only for the interest of the historical church, which it represents, but also for the peace and prosperity of the whole body of Jesus Christ upon earth. But as the commission on Christian unity does not make its report until the General Convention of 1889, the present Assembly contents itself with this expression of Christian sympathy, and has stopped further action until the Assembly of 1888."

ANOTHER BISHOP GONE.—The Rt. Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of

Pennsylvania, died at his residence in Philadelphia, on Saturday morning, June, 11th, at 9 o'clock. The Right Rev. Ozi Whittaker, who was last year elected Assistant Bishop now becomes Bishop of Pennsylvania.

THE LUTHERANS AND UNITY.—The Lutheran Synod lately in session in Omaha, received favorably the Pastoral from the House of Bishops of the P. E. Church of the U. S., on unity, and the Report of Committee adopted by that Synod says: It hailed this friendly communication from a communion so closely related in its articles of doctrine and its form of worship to the Church represented by this body. It also expressed a deep sense of the evils which mark the divisions of the Christian Church, and a readiness to enter in brotherly conference with other bodies for the removal of these evils, but held that the restoration of organic unity at the present period is neither desirable nor practicable.

A committee of three clergymen and three laymen was appointed to hold further conference with the committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the Church of St. Francis, Ashton Gate, Bristol, was consecrated by the Bishop of the diocese. The church, when completed, will hold 750 persons. £4,347. has up to the present been given or promised, and about £1,800 more are required. The Bishop, who preached from the words 'The comfort of the Holy Ghost,' referred to this being the sixth church consecrated in the city within the last few years as the result of the 'Church Extension Movement.'

PENNY LIBRARY OF FICTION.—The report of the General Literature Committee for 1886 of the S. P. C. K., shows what the Society has had in view in providing "Fiction for the Million" which has induced an attack from the *Saturday Review*—"The Committee, in view of the enormous circulation attained by injurious penny novels issuing from the press week after week, have made an endeavour to supplant them, as far as possible, by the periodical publication of a Penny Library of Fiction. The Committee aim at conciliating the tastes of the readers of such literature by furnishing stories containing abundant stirring incident, and at the same time of an elevating tone. The committee have succeeded in enlisting the services of some of our celebrated novelists in the scheme, and the scheme so far promises to be a great success. The first of the series, *Three Times Tried* (by B. L. Farjeon), was published in July last; and has been followed by *Golden Feather* (by the author of *Mehalah, John Herring, &c.*) and *For Dick's Sake* (by Mrs. J. H. Riddell). Other contributions to the series, from the pens of Mr. G. Manville Fenn, Mr. W. Besant, &c., are in hand. The exterior of these "Penny Novels" is made as attractive as possible, and the type and paper are of a superior quality. Whether the Committee has been discreet in endeavouring to conciliate the tastes of the readers of Fiction by introducing 'stirring incident' is a matter on which opinions are sure to differ. But surely the endeavour to supplant the injurious and vi-

scious literature of the day by stories from celebrated novelists is one which deserves praise.

ST. JOHN'S COLL. CAMBRIDGE MISSION, WALTHAM.—The Bishop of Rochester, speaking of the work and progress of the Mission, said no mission had less of sensational element, it was not 'drum and trumpet,' it was simple liturgical work—a work characterised by manful, determined, resolute steadiness. 'Dogged,' in a good sense, described it; devoutness was its key. He could not have believed till he had seen it that work on Church lines done in such a simple way could have been so successful. The work had now passed from the experimental stage to the permanent stage. A Church was about to be built. The congregation had been gathered together, and now they asked for a church; they were sufficiently educated to value a church. To his dying day he should rejoice that the College had taken this mission work in hand in his diocese, and so set an example which had been followed by many other colleges and schools. They were building a bridge from the lowest to the highest. As a result it would be felt that the Christian faith could do more for the poverty-stricken than any of the schemes put forth by politicians.

THE HOLY LAND.—The material advance being made in the Holy Land is one of the remarkable features of the times. Civilization is extending with giant step across the land sacred to the memory of Abraham, the Patriarchs, Moses, David, and Our Blessed Lord. The *Spectator* in a recent number, writing of the marvellous advance in this respect says:—

"The two seaports of Beyrut and Jaffa are now hardly recognized by travellers who witnessed their former desolation. Cosarea is again becoming a centre of trade; Bethlehem has been improved out of all knowledge; manufacture is going on in Nablus, the ancient Shechem; Nazareth is becoming famous for its olive trade; people are investing their money in cattle-rearing in many places; while in Jerusalem whole quarters are being rebuilt, sanitation cared for, streets lighted—a new city slowly rising."

CHURCH RESTORATION.—The *National Church* says the sum of £50,000,000 should be set down as having been expended during her Majesty's reign upon Church building and restoration in England.

BISHOP'S ROBES.—The Bishop of Ely (Lord Alwyne Compton) now wears his cope on every occasion when he celebrates the Holy Communion in the cathedral, but does not, like his brother of Lincoln, wear his mitre inside the cathedral walls, but only from the Palace to the great west door. The Dean, who is an old fashioned Churchman, and still rejoices in what the High Church party call "surplice and legs," feebly protested, but the Bishop replied, "Mr. Dean, I shall do nothing which will allow you to hale me before Lord Penzance, nor shall I compel you to obey the Privy Council decisions."—London Correspondent of *Manchester Guardian*.

We had lately the opportunity of examining the service used at the Coronation of her Gra-