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not surprised to hear that the committee thereupon resolved itself into three sub-committees—one to introduce a Bill into Parliament, another to continue the collection of money, and the third for general purposes. The whole sum required is estimated at £100,000, and if it should fall out that any portion of the proceeds of the sale of Addington should be devoted to the creation of a neighbouring diocese such as this, it ought not to be very long before the much-talked-of South London see, with the already restored church of St. Saviour's as its cathedral, is an accomplished fact. (From the *Guardian*.)

Sir Hubert Parry has been appointed Professor of Music at Oxford in place of Sir John Stainer, resigned. The choice is the best that could possibly have been made.

AN APPEAL.

The Bethnal Green Free Library.—In its quiet way this institution is conducting a grand educational work amongst the crowded and poverty-stricken population of the East End. Not only is the library a well-stocked one and varied in character, but evening classes are arranged and other steps taken to interest and instruct the young who live in the vicinity. Year by year the number of readers and students increases, while the healthy influence exercised is self-evident to everyone who contrasts the condition of Bethnal Green to-day with the state of things that existed twenty years ago. At the moment the coffers are well-nigh exhausted, and consequently a special appeal for funds is being made. That it may be generously responded to will be the earnest hope of all who recognise the useful character of the work being done and are aware of the opportunities there are for further development. Contributions should be sent to the Treasurer, F. A. Bevan, Esq., J.P., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.; the Bankers, Messrs. Barclay and Co., Limited, same address; or to the Secretary and Librarian, Mr. G. F. Hilcken.

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- A New History of the English Church.* Edited by Dean STEPHENS and Rev. W. HUNT. In seven vols. Vol. i.: 597-1066. By Rev. W. HUNT. Price 7s. 6d. Macmillan.
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- The Book of Proverbs* (International Critical Commentary). By Professor C. H. TOY. Price 12s. T. and T. Clark.
- The Ritschlian Theology.* A Critical Estimate. By Rev. H. E. GARVIE, B.D. Price 9s. T. and T. Clark.

OBITUARY.

Lord Penzance, whose name was so familiar to Churchmen a quarter of a century ago, died at his residence, Eashing Park, Godalming, on Saturday, December 9. He had been ailing for some time, but had only comparatively recently resigned his position as Dean of the Arches and Judge of the Court established under the Public Worship Regulation Act of 1874.