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Obituary.

WE deeply regret to record the death of that well-known supporter of Church work, Mr. Abel Smith, M.P., which took place after a brief illness, from internal inflammation, the result of a chill. The eldest son of the late Mr. Abel Smith, of Woodhall Park, formerly M.P. for Hertfordshire, he was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. He himself represented Hertfordshire in Parliament, as a Conservative, from 1854 to 1857, from 1859 to 1865, and from 1866 to 1885. Since that date he sat for East Herts. By his death the Church Missionary Society in particular loses a generous supporter. He was the patron of several livings, and both built and endowed Christ Church, Hertford.

The Ven. Melville Horne Scott, Archdeacon of Stafford, and Canon Residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral, died suddenly at his house in the Close, Lichfield, on June 3. The Archdeacon was a son of the Rev. Thomas Scott, Rector of Wappenham, Northants. He was a nephew of the great commentator and brother of Sir Gilbert Scott, the famous architect. He was born in 1827, and was educated at Christ's Hospital, and as a scholar of that foundation saw the Queen's entry into London to be crowned. He was successively Vicar of Ocbrook, near Derby, of St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby, where he did useful work amongst the railwaymen, and of St. Mary's, Lichfield, where he continued for sixteen years. From 1877 to 1894 he was Prebendary of Bohenhall in Lichfield Cathedral, and in 1888 Bishop (now Archbishop) Maclagan selected him to succeed Archdeacon Iles as Archdeacon of Stafford. In 1894 he was appointed Canon Residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral on the death of Canon Curteis. From 1885 to 1888 he served as Proctor in Convocation for the diocese of Lichfield.