

OBITUARY.

THE LATE BISHOP OF OXFORD, V.P.

The Right Rev. Francis Paget, Lord Bishop of Oxford, died on August 2nd in London, after an operation, aged 60 years. He was the second son of Sir James Paget, the famous surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Lydia North, whose father, the Rev. Henry North, was a good classical scholar and a lover of music, both of which characteristics were inherited by his grandson. He was educated at Shrewsbury School, and became a Junior Student of Christ Church in 1868. He had a distinguished career at the University, gaining the Hertford Scholarship and Latin Verse Prize, a first class in Classical Moderations and in Greats, and was elected a Senior Student of Christ Church. In 1875 he was ordained, and for a short time was Vicar of Bromsgrove, returning to Oxford as Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology in 1885. In 1892 he succeeded Dr. Liddell as Dean of Christ Church, and in 1901 became Bishop of Oxford. In 1883 he married the eldest daughter of Dean Church. As Bishop of Oxford he was Chancellor of the Order of the Garter. He was the author of several books, chiefly of a devotional character, and although the many calls upon his time did not admit of his producing any great literary work, everything that he wrote bears witness to a cultivated and well-stored mind, and is marked by great care and that style which is the result of accurate scholarship. As a Diocesan Bishop his influence was remarkable, and in every part of his large Diocese he inspired the deepest affection. He had been a Vice-President of the Bucks Archæological Society since 1901, and although he was not able to take an active part in the work of the Society, he was always interested in it, not merely as being one of the institutions in his Diocese, but as a scholar who sees in the living present the influence of the records of the past.

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