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The late Mrs. Maria Foot, of Hanbury Vicarage, Burton-on-Trent, who left personalty amounting to over £53,000, has bequeathed £500 towards the endowment of almshouses for persons about seventy years of age of the parish of Hanbury, to be erected on the site of the old stables at Hanbury Vicarage, and to bear the inscription: "As a thank-offering for mercies received by J. R. F. and L. M. F. these almshouses are founded"; £50 each for the benefit of the churches at Compton, Valence, Longbredy, Hanbury, Woolland, and Nice; £50 each to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the Bible Department of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the Church Missionary Society, and the Vaudois Church; a contingent legacy to the Dorset County Hospital; and other legacies, pecuniary and specific.—*Guardian*.



Obituary.



A GRAVE disaster has befallen the Niger Mission. Bishop Hill and Mrs. Hill, who only reached the West Coast some three or four weeks ago, have both succumbed to an attack of fever, and thus early in their work have laid down their lives for the people of Africa. Two other missionaries have since died on that fatal coast. Mr. Tugwell, an able and well-trying missionary in that district, has been summoned by the society in Salisbury Square, with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to be consecrated in place of Bishop Hill.

A distinguished public servant passed away on Sunday in the person of Lord Sandford, who was in his seventieth year. The son of the late Sir Daniel Keyte Sandford, M.P., professor of Greek at Glasgow, he was educated in his father's University and at Balliol College, Oxford, graduating in 1846 with a First in Classics. In 1848 he entered the Education Department as examiner, rising to be Secretary in 1870—the year of Mr. Forster's Act, which he had to put into administrative shape. In that difficult and delicate task it was generally allowed that he showed tact and resource, as well as an impartiality in denominational questions which had nothing to do with indifference. From 1872 till the creation of the Secretaryship for Scotland in 1885, he was equally responsible for Scotch educational business; he was then appointed first Under-Secretary for Scotland, and, indeed, organised the new office. In 1862 he had been secretary to the Commissioners for the International Exhibition of that year, receiving the honour of knighthood in the year following. In 1868 Sir Francis Sandford temporarily quitted the Education office to act as Assistant-Under-Secretary for the Colonies. On his final retirement from the public service in 1891 he was raised to the peerage. He was also a Privy Councillor and K.C.B. Lord Sandford leaves no issue, and the title, therefore, dies with him.—*Guardian*.

The death of Prebendary Gordon Calthrop, Vicar of St. Augustine's, Highbury, has deprived the Church of London of one of its leading lights. The deceased was a scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in the First Class Classical Tripos in 1847. He was one of the chaplains of the college, having been ordained in 1851 by the Bishop of Oxford. In 1857 he was Select Preacher to the University, and again filled the position in 1874, and from 1858 to 1864 was perpetual curate at Holy Trinity, Cheltenham, since which time he has held the vicarage of St. Augustine's, Highbury. The prebend of Willesden in St. Paul's Cathedral was conferred on him in 1889. He was the author of the "Preacher's Commentary on St. John's Gospel." At Union Chapel, Islington, on the Sunday following Mr. Calthrop's death, the Rev. W. H. Harwood said they recalled, with many sacred associations, the friendship of the late Vicar of St. Augustine's with one whose name would always have the first place in Union Chapel—Dr. Allon. They remembered how Mr. Calthrop was associated with some of the chief events in the history of that chapel, and how, perhaps, in one or two cases his will went beyond his power. They recognised his splendid service to a truly Catholic conception of Christianity in that part of London, and they sincerely sympathized with those who were left—both with his own family, and with the church that had profited by his most faithful ministry.

The Rev. R. Waters, Master of Greatham Hospital, near West Hartlepool, has died after a few days' illness from influenza and pneumonia, arising from a severe cold caught at Stockton Christmas market. Mr. Waters, who was a Theological Associate of King's College, London, was ordained in 1859 to the curacy of St. John's, Burslem, and from 1861 to 1863 was curate of St. James's, Bristol. He was association secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society from 1863 till 1867, when he was appointed vicar of St. Silas', Hunslet, Leeds. In 1873 he removed to the vicarage of Rookhope, county Durham, and in 1877 was presented to the rectory of Sunderland. In 1885 Bishop Lightfoot appointed him Master of Greatham Hospital.

The Rev. G. B. Concanon, LL.D., Vicar of St. Paul's, West Brixton, has also been taken from his people. He had been in bad health for some time past, but preached on Christmas morning, and no dangerous symptoms were apparent until lately, when a complication of internal disorders gave anxiety to his friends. He was much beloved and esteemed (says the *Daily Chronicle*) by a large congregation, who deplore his loss after twenty-two years' ministry in Brixton. Dr. Concanon graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1845, and was ordained two years later. He was Rector of Dromod from 1856 till 1865, chaplain to the Earl of Gainsborough from 1865 to 1870, and was appointed vicar of St. Paul's, Brixton, in 1881, being also chaplain to Viscount Valentia.

Under the head "A Modern Martyr," the *City Press* says "About three years ago the Rev. J. B. Mylius was presented to the vicarage of All Saints', Hatcham Park. Overpowered with the ever-growing neighbourhood, he consulted the Rev. W. H. Stone, of St. James's, Hatcham, as to the course he should adopt. 'I want,' he said, 'a second curate, if I am to overtake the work committed to my charge. I have no means. There is only one way out of the difficulty, and that is to accept the chaplaincy of the South-Eastern Fever Hospital, which will not materially interfere with my work as vicar of the parish.' 'Have you counted the cost?' asked Mr. Stone. 'I have,' replied Mr. Mylius. The chaplain he accordingly became, performing the duties that devolved upon him with the loving devotion he brought to bear upon everything he undertook. A few weeks ago he caught the fever, and last week he passed away, a martyr to duty, at the early age of thirty-two. His memory, however, will long be revered by those who were privileged to know him."

Miss Charlotte Maria Tucker, better known as "A.L.O.E." (A Lady of England), under which name she attained wide popularity as a writer, chiefly of books for children, died on the 2nd ult. at Batala, in the Punjaub, aged seventy-two. For the last eighteen years she had been working as an honorary missionary of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society among the Mahomedan women of the Punjaub. That she did much good, and won the love of many, there can be no doubt, white and dark friends tending her with equal solicitude in her last illness. It should be added that to the objects of her Mission Miss Tucker devoted all the proceeds of her pen.

The loss of a sturdy Evangelical has befallen the diocese of Truro in the death of the Rev. George Taylor Braine-Hartnell, Vicar of Liskeard. Mr. Braine-Hartnell, who had a good record behind him, was appointed to Liskeard some ten years ago. Earnest in his defence of Protestant principles, his language and actions were not always understood, and frequently provoked rather bitter controversy. The living, a decidedly important one, is in the hands of the Simeon Trustees, who may be expected to make the appointment of a successor to the late vicar a matter of very careful consideration.—*Record.*

The Rev. H. W. Reynolds, M.A., Vicar of St. Thomas's, Agartown, St. Pancras, has succumbed to an attack of influenza after an illness of only five and a half days' duration. His widow is lying seriously ill, suffering from the same epidemic. Deceased, who was a late Hody Exhibitioner of Wadham College, Oxford, and Pusey and Ellerton Hebrew Scholar, graduated in 1870, and was ordained the same year to the curacy of St. Stephen's, Spitalfields. In 1878 he was appointed to the vicarage of St. Thomas's, Agartown. He was a son of Prebendary Joseph Reynolds, and brother of Prebendary Bernard Reynolds, both of St. Paul's Cathedral.