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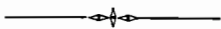
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ciated. For the moment, therefore, it will suffice to say that it has relieved during the eighty-eight years of its existence no fewer than half a million sufferers, ranging in age from the helpless infant of a few months to the aged worker, whose life is all behind him; that it is now benefiting as many as 10,000 patients yearly; and that, owing to the income not increasing in a like ratio to the development of the work, the committee more than once have been obliged to have recourse to the already very scanty reserve for the purpose of meeting liabilities. The secretary, we may add, is Mr. John Whittington, to whose devotion to duty and able administrative capabilities much of the success that has attended the society's operations during the past quarter of a century is undoubtedly to be attributed.



Obituary.

IT would be impossible to estimate the loss which the Church has sustained in the death of Lord Selborne. No one at this moment could take his place or do what he has been doing, and, if he had lived, would have continued to do. His position, like his character, was unique. In the defence of the Church he had weight and influence which no one could approach. His mastery of the subject made him unanswerable in the controversy. His strong and deep convictions immeasurably strengthened and deepened the convictions of those who fought at his side. His devotion to the cause gave him a power of unflagging perseverance, which never felt or acknowledged a check. His learning and his power of handling it, his great abilities, his successful career, his high reputation, his remarkable readiness in debate, his invariable consistency in maintaining the highest principles of action, his conspicuous impartiality in dealing with opponents, presented a combination in which very few could come near him. But he was all this to the public at large. To those who saw him more closely all this was but little in comparison with the inner nature of the man himself. Those who knew him well could not in their estimate of his goodness and greatness dwell on all this as if this were in their eyes the most excellent thing in his character. They turn instinctively to what rose immeasurably higher, the loftiness of the ideal to which he was ever matching his conduct, whether in politics, or in the ordinary intercourse of life, or in his own home. He lived by so high a rule and followed the precepts of the religion in which he believed with so unswerving a consistency, that he invariably presented to view the very model of a Christian. There was no sacrifice that he would not make to be true to the highest standard of Christian duty, and this appeared more than once in his public life. But men will sometimes make great sacrifices who cannot bring themselves to make self-sacrifice to duty the rule in all things, great and small alike. And this is what Lord Selborne was ever doing in the eyes of those who had the means of observing him closely. In ordinary conversation, in the routine of daily life, in the transaction of common business, he was the same as in the handling of public affairs. There was large generosity, there was warm sympathy with sorrow or distress or perplexity, there was singular kindness of speech and manner, there was genuine humility, there was quiet dislike of all ostentation, there were the qualities which endear a man to his family and win the confidence of friends; but these were not in him as in so many men characteristics that might be taken separately for what each was worth, but seemed to be only the varied fruits that came from the deep religious spirit that animated his whole life, and appeared never to be absent for a moment from his heart. His whole life was a quiet, unvarying obedience to the precept of his Master, "Abide in Me, and I in you."—*Guardian*.