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have even been drained." But the evidence as to the progress made in spiritual things is, the Bishop says, even more pronounced. "For instance, not only is the hill of Namirembe crowned with a beautiful new church, accommodating some four thousand worshippers, but in the districts around the capital some three-and-twenty churches bear witness to the spread of the Gospel. These churches are regularly served from the capital, and as regularly gather their hundreds together for worship on the Lord's Day. . . . There are now, I believe, more than two hundred of these churches scattered throughout the country. The decent and orderly way in which the services (so far as I have seen them) are conducted is another token of the advance in spiritual things." The Bishop goes on to tell of a missionary meeting held in the capital, when nine new missionaries (natives) were sent forth to their work. The Bishop has held a series of confirmation services, at the first of which sixty-eight men and thirty women received the laying-on of hands. "One very interesting incident of the service was the coming forward for confirmation of two blind men, one of whom had lost both his ears. They had been cut off by order of the King some years ago by way of punishment for some offence or other. Both men in their sightlessness were victims of the King's cruelty." On the road to Gayaza, the Bishop's guide, when about one hour and a half from Mengo, pointed out to him a spot, the sight of which, in connection with its history, filled the Bishop with horror. "A huge trench lay before me, surrounding a considerable piece of land at the bottom of the valley. It seems that the former Namasole, or Queen-mother, gave orders that all who claimed relationship to the royal family were to be isolated on this piece of land. Houses were built for them, in cruel mockery, for no food was given to them. There they were starved to death, several hundreds of them. Such were the doings of those in authority in Mtesa's time, not very long ago; and there was I, a Christian minister, on my way to hold a confirmation, permitted to gaze upon the scene of horror. How changed the times! 'Thank God, that day is over!' was the exclamation which came from my heart as I resumed my journey."—*Times*.

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#### GIFTS.

Prebendary Clayton, Rector of Ludlow, has informed the churchwardens that Colonel Windsor Clive, late M.P. for the borough of Ludlow, has placed to their credit at the bank £1,000 for the restoration of the south transept of the parish church.

The Rev. R. B. Blakeney, Rector of Wombwell, has received £1,000 from Mr. William Birks, of Retford, towards the new parish church fund. Mr. Birks had previously contributed £100 to the fund, which has now reached the sum of £3,500. The estimated cost, exclusive of seating, is £6,000.

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#### Obituary.

The death is announced of the Ven. Thomas Bucknall Lloyd, Archdeacon of Salop, and Rector of Edgmond, Newport. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, of which Society he was a scholar, and graduated in 1846. The whole of his clerical career was passed in the diocese of Lichfield, and for thirty-four years he was Vicar of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. He was appointed a Prebendary of Lichfield in 1870, and Archdeacon of Salop in 1886.