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Lowestoft, each one larger than its predecessor, within the last fifteen years, it is desirable in the new permanent building to anticipate not only increased attendances, but the new wants which arise as seafaring men grow in intelligence, in respectability, and in religious characteristics.

It having been notified to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel that a large sum of money will probably come to it under the will of the late Mr. Alfred Marriott, the standing committee, at their first meeting after the recess, on the 8th inst., passed the following resolution:—"The standing committee desire to put on record their deep thankfulness to God for the signal proof of His blessing on the society's work to be received through the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Marriott, and see in it an encouragement to persevere in their labours for the evangelization of the world; they appeal to all workers for the society throughout the country not only to unite in thanksgiving to God for this gift, but also to redouble their efforts to provide men and means for the missions supported by the society." By the will of the testator, his bequests, the amount of which is not yet known, are not available for the support of living agents to which the society's general fund is dedicated, but must be spent on church-building and on the establishment, enlargement, and endowment of colleges, schools, or other educational establishments and of hospitals in foreign parts.

A supporter of St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission has given £100 towards the maintenance of the Church ship *Goshawk*, in memory of the late secretary of the society. The ship is doing a truly excellent work among the North Sea fleets.

A donation of £1,000 has been received from two friends of the Ripon-Wakefield branch of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, towards the redemption of the mortgage on St. Chad's Home at Far Headingley, Leeds.

Mr. W. Brooke, Huddersfield, has promised £1,000 towards the Clergy Sustentation Fund at the Church House, Westminster.

An anonymous donation of £1,000 has been received by the committee of the Ordination Candidates Fund, 39, Victoria Street, Westminster. By means of this fund pecuniary aid is given to suitable candidates for the holy office who otherwise would be unable to secure a college training.

Mr. W. D. Crewdson has promised £500 towards the Clergy Sustentation Fund, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster.

The Church Pastoral Aid Society has received a donation of £1,000 from "H. B. M."

An anonymous gift of £500 has been received by the council of the Church of England Incumbents' Sustentation Fund, 39, Victoria Street, Westminster, for the purpose of making grants in augmentation of poor benefices under £200 per annum in value.

The Duke of Westminster has contributed £100 towards the new Welsh church now in course of erection in St. Mary's Terrace, Paddington Green. The church will cost £3,500, towards which the sum of £2,800 has been paid or promised.



Obituary.

ARCHDEACON OF SHEFFIELD.

THE Ven. Henry Arnold Favell, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield and Vicar of St. Mark's in that city, was the youngest son of the late Charles F. Favell, of Sheffield. He was educated at the Collegiate School in that city, and at Caius College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in

1866. He was ordained the following year to the curacy of St. Martin's, Birmingham, where he laboured for six years, and became well known (says the *Yorkshire Post*) as a fluent, earnest, and powerful preacher, and a zealous worker in all movements connected with Church; and when, in 1873, he was appointed to the vicarage of St. George's, Sheffield, he was heartily welcomed to his native town. At St. George's he remained for ten years, doing laborious work and gradually adding to his reputation. During his incumbency a sum of more than £20,000 was raised for Church purposes. In 1883, the vicarage of St. Mark's becoming vacant, was offered to Mr. Favell by the Church burgesses. He accepted the offer, and worked with whole-hearted zeal in his new sphere. From the first his activities were far-reaching. He was appointed honorary secretary to the Sheffield Church Missionary Association in 1876, and in 1889 undertook the same office for the Sheffield Scripture Readers Society. For several years he represented the clergy of the archdeaconry of Sheffield in the Convocation of York, and in 1890 the late Archbishop Thomson conferred upon him the prebendaryship of Wistow, and constituted him a Canon in York Minster. In January, 1895, on the death of the late Archdeacon Blakeney, he became Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Archbishop of York, in making the offer to Canon Favell, sent a very kindly letter, and when the offer was accepted, everybody in Sheffield, and Churchmen in particular, rejoiced that his Grace had recognised the faithful services of such a leader of Church thought and work.

BISHOP OF ANTIGUA.

We regret to record the death of the Right Rev. Charles James Branch, D.D., Bishop of Antigua. Dr. Branch, whose death will be regretted throughout the diocese, had devoted the whole of his ministerial life to work in the West Indies, and he was beloved and respected by all classes. Although he only succeeded to the supreme rule of the diocese of Antigua last year, upon the death of Bishop Jackson, he had, in everything but name, been actually the chief for some fourteen years, Dr. Jackson having spent the last dozen years of his life in retirement at Ealing. The deceased prelate was consecrated Coadjutor to Bishop Jackson at Lambeth in 1882.

HENRY BYRON REED, M.P.

Mr. Henry Byron Reed, M.P. for East Bradford, who has died from the result of an accident at Ventnor, was a warm friend to the Church. At first no great importance was attached to the mishap. Grave symptoms, however, showed themselves later, and on the receipt of a telegram his uncle, Sir Edward Reed, was proceeding to Mr. Victor Horsley to secure his services, when another telegram announcing Mr. Reed's death was put into his hands. Mr. Reed met with a similar accident about three months ago, when returning home from Parliament in a cab. Mr. Reed, says the *Times*, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Draper Reed, and was born in 1855. He was educated privately at Sydenham. For over twenty years he had been closely identified with the work of Church defence, particularly in the North of England, in connection with the Church Defence Institution. He was a J.P. for Darlington, was a member of the Darlington School Board from 1880 to 1886, and a member of the council of the National Union of Conservative Associations. He married Mary Hannah, only daughter of the late Mr. Matthew Atkin, of Sheffield. He was an unsuccessful candidate for West Bradford in 1885, represented the East Division from 1886 to 1892, and was again unsuccessful in 1892. At the last election in 1895 he defeated Mr. W. S. Caine.