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British and Foreign

Canon H. E. Ravenhill has just retired from the living of Buckland, Newton-with-Plush, after an unbroken ministry of forty seven years. During his incumbency he baptised 683 babies, married 195 couples, and buried 440 parishioners. He has christened the majority of the present day villagers. He preached his farewell sermon on his seventy-sixth birthday.

St. John's Guild maintains floating hospitals and a seaside hospital for the care and cure of sick babies in the harbour at New York. At the annual meeting held lately Mr. J. W. Weed, the president of the Guild, said that 36,816 mothers and children had been carried on the floating hospitals during the summer, at the Seaside Hospital 1,777 had been cared for. The receipts from all sources were over \$90,000.

Mr. C. F. Hoby, organist and choir-master at St. Luke's, South Kensington, has been appointed bandmaster of the Royal Marine Band, in the Chatham Division. The appointment of a civilian to such a position is unusual, though the Royal Engineers recently made a similar choice. To qualify for the position it will be necessary for Mr. Hoby to enlist. There were fifty applications for the appointment.

The average population of the thirty-seven diocese in England and Wales is 883,195. The population of the Manchester Diocese is 2,972,166. London is the only diocese larger than Manchester, and of all the other dioceses Manchester is more than twice the size, except York. In Manchester Diocese there is only one clergyman to every 3,270 people; in London there is one to every 2,600; and in England as a whole, one to every 1,589. The average income of incumbents in Manchester Diocese is £375; in London, £499; England and Wales, £329.

A memorial, which takes the form of a monument in bronze upon a pedestal of English alabaster, was lately unveiled in Southwell Cathedral by His Grace the Duke of Portland to the memory of Dr. George Ridding, the first Bishop of the diocese. The late Bishop is represented as vested in his episcopal robes in a kneeling pose and with hands uplifted in an attitude of prayer before a small prie-dieu. The alabaster pedestal has been beautifully wrought and carved and is 9 feet by 5 feet wide. The monument has been placed in the Eastern-most arch of the choir on the south side. It is the work of Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, A.R.A.

The General Committee of the C. M. S. have appointed Mr. Robert Maconachie to the Lay-Secretaryship of the Society which has lately become vacant by the resignation of Mr. D. Marshall Lang. Mr. Maconachie is an ex-member of the Indian Civil Service and is in most sincere sympathy with the foundation principles of the Society. He has long taken a very active and intimate part in the labour of the Society's committees. By Mr. Maconachie's own express wish he has undertaken to serve as Lay-Secretary without receiving the stipend of the office. Whilst he was in India Mr. Maconachie served on the C.M.S. Corresponding Committee for the Punjab and Sinoh. Since he retired from the service Mr. Maconachie spent three years in the Province of

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Ontario. He has been for some time past permanently settled in England.

The following are interesting statistics in regard to the present position of the American Church, A.D. 1907: Whole number of clergy, 5,329; Deacons ordained, 483; priests ordained, 471; candidates for Holy Orders, 469; postulants, 323; lay readers, 2,464; baptisms (3 years), 197,203; persons confirmed (3 years), 158,931; communicants, 871,862; Sunday School officers and teachers, 74,871; Sunday School pupils, 446,567; pupils in parish schools, 14,105; pupils in industrial schools, 9,328; parish, 3,268, missions, 3,967, in all, 7,615; church edifices, 7,028; church edifices, free, 4,814; sittings in churches, 1,221,186; free sittings in churches, 937,104; churches consecrated (3 years), 294; rectories, 2,530; church hospitals, 72; orphan asylums, 57, homes, 84; collegiate institutions, 17; theological institutions, 23; other institutions, 79. Total contributions for all purposes, \$52,257,519.17. Endowments—Episcopal Fund, \$3,499,838.30; support of parishes, \$7,680,750.71; widows and orphans, etc., \$2,291,826.09; hospitals and other institutions, \$17,509.085.02.

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