

voted and loyal member and a staunch and earnest supporter. About twenty years ago, "in memoriam" to her husband and children she built and handsomely endowed the church and rectory of All Souls', Invergowrie, by Dundee. Both church and rectory are amongst the most beautiful in North Britain. Until advancing years and failing health came upon her she never was absent from a service either on Sunday or on a week-day in Rossie Priory Chapel and later on at the Knapp, and she herself played the organ and led the singing. She had outlived all her own generation.

By the death of Sir Frederick Thorpe Mappin, at the patriarchal age of eighty-nine, Sheffield has lost her foremost public man and the Church one of her most zealous and generous lay supporters. Sir Frederick was a famous manufacturer, who distinguished himself greatly in the public life of his native town. He was Master Cutler fifty years ago. He had a long municipal career, and served as Mayor in 1877-8, and he represented East Retford and Hallamshire Division successively in Parliament. He was a Gladstonian Liberal and a great educationist. He was a man of the highest possible character, and, as already indicated, a strong Churchman. He had early associations with Congregationalism, but afterwards joined the Church, of which he was a very generous benefactor. At the same time he retained the admiration and respect of the Nonconformists of the town, and among the numerous tributes from the Sheffield pulpits to his memory on Sunday some of the warmest were from Nonconformist ministers.

Near the village of Swanscombe in Kent, some interesting Roman relics have been recently unearthed. Close by what is generally acknowledged to be the site of the important Roman town of Vagniacæ, and also close to the main Roman road, Watling Street, men quarrying have disclosed a villa of that period. The ruins are of considerable extent, and the discoveries include from 300 to 400 feet of wall, a kiln built of chalk blocks plastered over with what originally was red clay, but had been burnt to red brick; two cement floors, one eighteen inches to two feet below the other, between which was found a coin, approximately of the fourth century; innumerable fragments of pottery, including a piece of Castor ware in fragments. Other relics found are a pair of shears, an iron head of what is thought to be a club, a well twelve feet deep "lined" with Kentish ragstone and chalk and still containing water, a bone needle, an object believed to be a stylus, and a small hollow circular bone object.

A service of great interest to the inhabitants of Measham, Atherstone, Derbyshire, took place lately at the Parish Church, when the unveiling of the new East window which has been erected in memory of the late Rev. John Hewetson, who was for forty-one years vicar of the parish, and his wife, brought together a large and representative congregation. A notable feature of the occasion was the fact that the five sons of the late vicar took part in the service. The eldest son, Mr. John Hewetson, formerly of the Madras Civil Service, unveiled the window, the address was delivered by the Rev. Joseph Hewetson, the present vicar of Measham, the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. William Hewetson, vicar of Salhouse and Wroxham, Norfolk, and the Lessons were read by the two younger sons, Major Henry Hewetson of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Mr. James Hewetson, M.A., the headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Gainsborough. The window is the gift of the late vicar's family. The ecclesiastical history of the parish is recorded on these shields, containing respectively the arms of the See of Southwell, to which the parish now

belongs, of the See of Lichfield in which diocese it was included for about one thousand years, and of the ancient Priory of Repton, to which Measham was attached during the whole of its existence A.D. 1180-1536. Other improvements have also been made in the church.

The Church in the Isle of Man has come into a bequest of £12,000 under the will of the late Mrs. Cowley, of Ballaghane, Andreas, near Ramsey.

The removal of that part of the stationer's shop which covers the south side of the arch of the gateway of the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great at Smithfield, has lately been commenced. It has brought to light more of the mouldings and dog-tooth ornament of the Early English arch and, in addition, the arch of a small mural arcade of the same period similar to that of the west front of Dunstable Priory, which was also an Augustinian Priory. At the back of the arch a portion of an Early English arch of the nave and a portion of a vaulting rib and a mutilated pier and capital have been uncovered. These discoveries confirm the statement made by the Restoration Committee that the Smithfield Gate is a portion of the west facade of the Church of the Priory of St. Bartholomew, West Smithfield.

The Lady Chapel of St. Paul's Church, Brooklyn, has been enriched by the erection of a magnificent marble altar, which was dedicated recently by the Bishop of the diocese. The altar is in the Gothic style, and is made of the finest Carrara marble. Set in the reredos are panels of Venetian mosaic, blending harmoniously with the pure white of the marble. Below the meusa is a grape vine, carved in high relief, extending round

the front and sides, while the front of the altar bears a finely elaborated bas-relief of the Last Supper, after Leonardo da Vinci. It is considered to be one of the finest specimens of ecclesiastical art in America. It has been completely furnished by the donor with candlesticks, vases, altar desk, missal, sanctuary lamps and Sanctus bell, all of which are of the finest workmanship and in perfect keeping with the style of the altar. The altar is the gift of Mrs. E. B. Lombard, in memory of her father. On the Gospel side is carved the inscription: "In memory of John Henry Fisher, who died March 7th, 1910." It was used for the first time at 9 o'clock on Maundy Thursday by the rector.

WHATEVER IS—IS BEST.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, some time punished,
Though the hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,
And to what means it suffer—
Whatever is—is best.

I know there are no errors,
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man.
And I know when my soul speeds onward,
In its grand Eternal quest,
I shall say as I look back earthward,
Whatever is—is best.

A little Chinese schoolboy ten years old lets his light shine at home. He is always ready to run errands for the neighbours, and they trust him to return the right change. One day, a woman who was not a Christian said to one of her neighbours: "Why did you put money into the little boy's hands?" The neighbour answered: "Oh! he is a Jesus Christ boy; he does not cheat."

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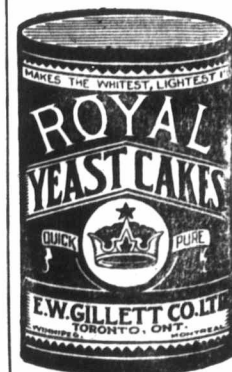
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