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DEATH

HOLBROOK—Entered into the rest of Paradise, Sunday morning, April 30th, from the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass., the Rev. William Augustus Holbrook, aged 72 years.
"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
"Oh what the joy and the glory must be.
"Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see."

British and Foreign

Miss S. A. Harwood, who died lately, bequeathed practically the whole of her estate, \$130,672, to St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.

The Rev. A. W. Gough, Vicar of Brompton, S.W., has been invited by the Canadian Church to be one of their mission preachers in the autumn of 1912.

The Rev. T. H. Spratt, Vicar of St. Paul's, Wellington, has accepted the Bishopric of Wellington, rendered vacant by the resignation of Bishop Wallis.

A committee has been formed to initiate a half-a-million penny fund to celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of St. Nicholas's Church, Newchurch, Rossendale, which dates from 1511.

The recently-created coadjutor Bishopric in the diocese of Grafton and Armidale, New South Wales, has been accepted by the Rev. Cecil Henry Druitt, Vicar of Upton, Birkenhead.

Dr. Goudge's successor as Principal of Wells Theological College will be the Rev. R. G. Parsons, Fellow and Chaplain of University College, Oxford, and examining chaplain to Dr. Ryle as Bishop of Winchester.

Bishop Wallis, the new Archdeacon of Wilts, has accepted the offer of the Bishop of Salisbury of the living of St. Peter and St. Paul, Marlborough, to be vacated by Canon Wordsworth on his appointment as Sub-Dean of the Cathedral.

The Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury attended in state on a recent Sunday, the first of a series of services to celebrate the millenary of St. Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury. The Church of St. Alkmund owes its foundation to Ethelfleda, daughter of Alfred the Great.

The corner stone which is not only to be the parish house, but the Neighbourhood House of the parish, was laid in the mother parish of Christ Church, Philadelphia, lately. The corner stone was laid by the Lord Bishop of the diocese who also gave the address.

In the parish of Gee Cross, Hyde, Cheshire, a scheme has been inaugurated for the completion of the

parish church as a Coronation memorial and a commemorative thank-offering of the Rev. T. G. Williams's thirty years strenuous and single-handed ministry.

In a report of the Secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Foreign Missions it is claimed that there is spent in America \$16,000,000 a year for chewing gum, \$100,000,000 for ice cream soda, \$120,000,000 for millinery, \$174,000,000 for candy, and only \$4,000,000 for the conversion of the heathen.

During excavations made for the purpose of strengthening the foundations of the Bank of England, many interesting curios in the form of Roman pottery, bear tusks and fossil remains have been unearthed. The piles on which the building has stood for two centuries are wonderfully well preserved.

The north transept of St. Paul's Church, Camden-square, N.W., has just been enriched by the addition of a new mural painting, which was dedicated on Sunday, March 26th. The painting is the gift of the Sunday school children. It represents the Resurrection, and is a striking and beautiful work.

The Rev. Donald Browne, long an Episcopal missionary in Labrador, died at his home in Malden lately, aged 50 years. He was chaplain of the Boston hospitals and priest-in-charge of the House of Prayer at Lowell. Until last March he was rector of the Episcopal Church at Marion. Mr. Browne was born and educated in London.

Canon G. Woodfield Paul, Vicar of Finedon, Wellingborough, celebrated his ninety-first birthday recently, and is still able to carry out his parochial duties. It is a striking fact that the present Vicar and his father—the Rev. S. W. Paul—have held the living of Finedon for a hundred years, and this year Canon and Mrs. Paul hope to celebrate their diamond wedding.

Prebendary Bolton recently dedicated two beautiful figures of the Virgin Mary and St. Editha at Tamworth Parish Church. The figures, which are executed in alabaster, have been placed in two vacant niches in the chancel, the cost being defrayed from contributions by mothers at the churching services during the past ten years.

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The "Jewish Chronicle" states that it is rumoured that Sir Matthew Nathan will succeed Sir Eldon Gorst as British Resident in Egypt. "Should this report prove correct," says the journal, "it will be the second time in history, after a lapse of some 4,000 years, that a Jew will have taken the most prominent place in the Government of Egypt." Sir Matthew Nathan was formerly Governor of Natal.

A large number of the women under the Pundita Ramabai and her daughter's instruction and care have become earnest Christians, and many of them go to the twenty outstations, taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the women of these stations. Others are trained to be teachers or Bible women or nurses in the hospitals, and even those not filling these positions are trained to self-support through various handicrafts.

In succession to Bishop Neligan, who resigned last autumn, the Synod of the Diocese of Auckland, New

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Zealand, has elected the Ven. Owen Thomas Lloyd Crossley, Archdeacon of Geelong, to the Bishopric. The Bishop-elect is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and went to Australia in 1905 as Archdeacon of Geelong and incumbent of All Saints', St. Kilda, Melbourne. He was formerly Vicar of Egremont, Cheshire, and later Vicar of Almondbury.

Many of the Japanese would make an adjunct of Christianity if they were allowed to do so, but the missionaries do not receive any of them as catechumens until they have taken down the "god shelf" at home on which are placed the tablets containing the names of their ancestors, the offerings they make to them, and before which they prostrate themselves and offer prayer. Only then can they be considered to have any deep interest in Christian truth and a sincere desire to receive and follow it.

Mr. J. E. Davies, of Dunmarklyn, Snow Hill Park, Newport, has proved a most generous benefactor to his native parish of Llanllwchaiarn (New Quay), Cardiganshire. He has given £1,000 towards the augmentation of the benefice. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have met this with an equal grant of £1,000. Thus Mr. Davies has been the means of augmenting the benefice by £70 a year. He has given this as a thankoffering for the blessings of his life, and by way of marking the year of the coronation of King George V. Mr. Davies was born in the parish about sixty years ago. Mr. Davies is a faithful and zealous Churchman. He is churchwarden of St. Woolos' parish, and is a staunch supporter of the Rev. D. H. Griffiths (the Vicar) in all vigorous efforts for the welfare of the parish.

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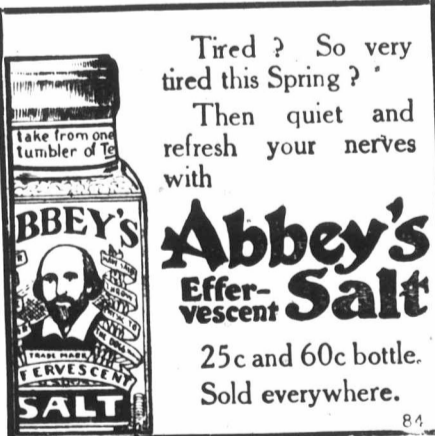
"No; we have no vacancies here. There are always more applications than we can possibly grant. I am sorry, sir; but that is how the matter stands."

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