

British and Foreign.

Mr. S. J. Voisey, sexton of Cul-lompton Church for fifty years, has just died. He saw eight Vicars come and go.

The voters at St. Columb Minor, near Newquay, Cornwall, included the veteran parish clerk, Mr. James Carne, now in his hundredth year.

At Braybrook Church in Kent there may be seen a monster trumpet, nearly two yards long, which was used instead of bells a century ago to summon the people to church.

A brilliant writer has said that our chief need in life is "someone to make us do what we can." What sovereign power can be more tender or stronger than the love of Christ? Bishop Westcott.

The Bishop of St. Albans has raised a preliminary sum of £11,000 towards the fund for the formation of a Bishopric for Essex. Chelmsford, Colchester, and Ilford are all mentioned as likely sites for the cathedral.

The Council of the Senate of Cambridge University have elected Dr. Henry Jackson, Fellow Trinity College, to the Regius Professorship of Greek, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Jebb. There were five candidates.

A sum of over £15,000 has been gathered for Home Missions during 1905 by the members of the Women's Home Mission Association. The money has been handed to the Additional Curates' Society for distribution.

A scheme for providing a small steam launch to serve as a floating vicarage for the clergy in charge of the numerous settlements scattered over the northern Wairoa (north of Auckland), New Zealand, is being pressed forward.

There are probably in all England only two parish day-schools which, declining all rate-aid or State aid, preserve their freedom unfettered to teach the Church's faith. They are the schools at St. Peter's, London Docks, and St. Jude's, Birmingham.

Mr. T. Westlake-Morgan, organist of Bangor Cathedral, has been the recipient of a very beautiful illuminated address, signed by the senior residentiary canon (Archdeacon Williams), the two minor canons, six lay clerks, twelve choristers, vergers, and officials of Bangor Cathedral.

The influx of Jews from Russia into other countries, consequent on the recent atrocities, has added much to the labours of mission agents in various stations, such as Hamburg, Paris, Rotterdam, Hull, Liverpool, etc. Splendid opportunities have been thus given for the circulation by sale and gift of copies of the Scriptures.

Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, A.R.A., who has been commissioned to execute a statue of the late Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Ridding), as a memorial of his work in the diocese, has prepared a model, showing the late Bishop in the attitude of prayer. This design has been unanimously approved by the Memorial Committee.

Two memorials of the late Mrs. Wilkinson, of Skryne Castle, have been placed in Skryne Parish Church, Ireland, viz., beautifully worked book markers, the work and gift of Miss Fox-Goodman, and a massive book-desk for the Holy Table, presented by Mrs. J. Y. Fishbourne, Melbourne, and Rev. Canon E. Radcliffe, Ballarat, Australia.

The Church in South Africa is doing its best to make good Christians and Churchmen of the members of the Ethiopian Order, who a couple of years ago were formally admitted to the Church. After nine months careful instruction by the Chaplain of 200 candidates, he felt justified in presenting 122 to the Bishop of Gra-

hamstown for Confirmation at Zalaze last November.

A social gathering in connection with All Saints' Men's and Women's Bible Classes, Sheffield, was held lately under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Knight. The Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls stated that the numbers in the classes were now 2,300 men and 1,900 women and that during the last four months, since he had charge of them, 175 had joined the men's class and 185 the women's.

By the death recently of the Rev. J. F. Coleridge, for fifty-one years Vicar of Cadbury, Devon, the last of an interesting trio of long-lived Devon clergymen, has passed away. Early in the fifties, the livings of Bickleigh, Cadeleigh, and Cadbury were presented to the Rev. R. B. Carew, the Rev. P. F. Britton, and the Rev. F. J. Coleridge, each of whom carried on his duties for more than fifty years.

Killoe Church in Ireland has recently been thoroughly renovated, the interior walls painted, and the chancel newly furnished. The fittings for the latter, which include a pitch-pine panelling, new oak rail with iron standards, prayer desk and carpet, are the gift of a parishioner. New brackets for all the seats were given by another. The roof has been put into thorough repair, and the appearance of the interior is now bright and pleasing.

The Bishop of London was the preacher at Westminster Abbey on a recent Sunday morning. The Abbey being a "peculiar," or "extra-diocesan" establishment, is outside the control of the diocesan, and "lest we forget the fact" his presence was, as is customary on such occasions, marked by a protest on the part of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. The protest was purely formal, and it is the subject of friendly arrangement between the Bishop and the Chapter on each visit.

Bishop Thornton, vicar of Blackburn, has appointed the Rev. C. F. Askew, curate of St. Mary's, Laister Dyke, Bradford, to succeed the Rev. F. L. C. Parkyn, as senior curate of Blackburn Parish Church, and to take charge of the famous adult Bible classes connected with that Church. These classes were founded several years ago by Mr. Parkyn, who has been preferred to the Vicarage of Clayton-le-Moors, and comprise 800 enrolled male members and 780 women.

The eloquent and venerable Primate, Dr. Alexander, is, and deservedly so, an object of love and affection throughout the whole Church of Ireland. Next year his Grace will have completed 60 years of uninterrupted and faithful service in the Church of his fathers, and his tones are still as silvery, his eloquence is just as great, as ever. His sermon on a recent Sunday in aid of the Belfast Cathedral building fund was one of sustained eloquence, and was eagerly listened to by a crowded congregation.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint the Rev. H. Liske Paget, M.A., vicar of St. Pancras and Prebendary of St. Paul's, to be Bishop Suffragan of Ipswich in the Diocese of Norwich. Prebendary Paget is well-known in the East-end of London, where he worked for some time in connection with the Oxford Mission, and for twenty years he has been the hard-working vicar of St. Pancras. For some time past he has acted as chaplain to his brother, the Bishop of Oxford. Prebendary Paget takes the place of Dr. Fisher, who has resigned the post of Bishop Suffragan on account of ill health.

An event which has created regret in society circles has been the destruction by fire of the historic old place of worship, Christ Church, down Piccadilly Street, London, where many fashionable marriages

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have been solemnized. The late Duke of Cambridge and the late Sir Harry Keppel were regular attendants at the church, which witnessed in 1878 the marriage of Lord Rosebery to the eldest daughter and heiress of Baron Mayer de Rothschild. In 1881 the Baroness Burdett-Coutts was married in the church to William Ashmead Bartlett, now known as Burdett-Coutts. The Duke of Devonshire was married there in 1892. Worshippers and pew owners at the church included the Duke of Westminster, Lord Londonderry, Lord and Lady Iveagh, Lord Wimborne, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Charles M. Palmer, Sir Charles Morrison Bell and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

Children's Department.

HEADS UP!

Don't kick and whine,
Just get in line
With the fellows who've grit and pluck;
Don't frown and scowl,
Look glum and growl,
Stop prating about ill-luck.

Lift up your head,
Don't seem half dead,
Stop wearing a wrinkled face;
Give smiling hope
Sufficient scope,
And joys will come apace.

Out on the man
Whose little span
Is full of grief and gloom!
Always dreary,
Never cheery,
From trundle bed to tomb.

Give me the chap
Who, whatever may hap,
Looks up and is cheerful still;
Who meets a brunt
With a smiling front,
And nerve, and vim, and will.

—When Miss Nightingale was a child, she had many dolls, and her great hobby was to affect to believe that they each in turn caught a serious illness, and needed the most careful nursing. There was one rag baby that had fever so badly that her life was despaired of; and little Florence would only go to her own bed one night on the positive assurance of her nurses and her mother that they would watch beside the sick doll. And watch they had to, with a vengeance. For if any of the nurses tried to go away, thinking Florence was asleep, the little lady was alert

in a moment and would not lie down until the duty was resumed. Early in the morning Florence arose to take her share in the nursing, and then the others were allowed to retire. She was soon able to say that the rag baby was much better.

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