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Mr. W. D. Cruddas has deposited £4,000 with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in order to guarantee £120 a year for a senior curate at St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. William Shelley, sexton of Brighton Cemetery, and for many years verger at the parish church of St. Nicholas, has officiated at 30,000 funerals, 1,000 baptisms, and 600 weddings.

Dr. Peter Giles, who has for many years resided at Cambridge, and is well known by large numbers of Cambridge men, has been elected Master of Emmanuel College in the place of Dr. Chawner, deceased.

The Hermon Beardsley Butler House, a neighbourhood house given as a memorial by Mrs. H. B. Butler to St. Peter's parish, Chicago, was lately opened with a series of ceremonies appropriate to the occasion.

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On a rough estimate it is calculated that during the past century Church people in England and Wales have voluntarily expended no less a sum than £50,000,000 for the purposes of elementary education in the Home Land.

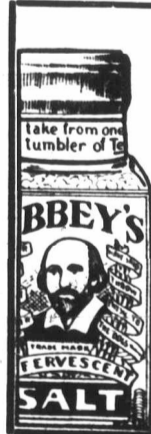
The Easter offerings at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lincoln, Neb., was \$2,300, the largest in the history of the parish. As soon as the sum

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was known, the parishioners immediately pledged \$2,000 more to extinguish the indebtedness.

The Rev. T. G. Simpson, D.D., was installed as a Canon Residentiary in St. Paul's Cathedral at Even-song on Tuesday, April 25th (the Feast of St. Mark). Dean Gregory was able to be present and occupied his stall despite his great age.

Recently a new marble pulpit and parapet wall, which has been placed in the Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Elmsford, N.Y., in memory of the late Mrs. Worthington by her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Pull, was formally dedicated by the rector.



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The Lord Primate of Ireland quoted to the Irish Teachers' Conference at Bangor recently the following child's essay on "Wild Beasts": "Wild beasts used once to roam at will throughout the whole of England and Ireland, but now wild beasts are only found in theological gardens."

Recently a memorial window to Queen Victoria and the late King, which has been given by Mrs. Lucas, the wife of the rector of Tolland, Somerset, was dedicated at Tolland parish church. It is an east window of three lights, representing in the centre Our Lord enthroned as a King.

The Lord Bishop of London preached in St. Paul's Cathedral at the High Celebration on Easter Day. He was vested in his cope and mitre. The mitre he wore was a new one, which had just been presented to him by a Canadian Churchman. It is of very fine design, and is heavily embroidered with gold.

The Bishop of London recently consecrated the new Church of St. Jude-on-the-Hill at Hampstead, the church of the Hampstead Garden Suburb, of which the Rev. J. Bourchier is the vicar-designate. Many people in Eastern Canada have subscribed towards the cost of the beautiful pulpit which has been placed in this church.

Mr. Morgan Percy Williams, the sexton of St. Paul's, Milwaukee, for the past forty-seven years, died recently, aged eighty-six. He was born in Kent in 1825, and came to America with his parents at the age of eleven. Mr. Williams came from a long line of English Church sextons dating back more than three centuries.

The presentation of the Lenten and Easter offerings of the Sunday Schools for missions in the Diocese of Pennsylvania took place lately in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia. The offering, which is a memorial to Bishop Whittaker, amounted to \$31,955.20, which is over one thousand dollars more than last year.

An Abandoned Church.—There is an abandoned Norman church at Isleham, in Cambridgeshire. One would naturally associate its conversion into a barn with the vandalism of the eighteenth century. It was, however, disused as a church long before the Reformation, a larger edifice having been erected close at hand to take its place. The old church as it stands is valuable as a sample of early Norman work without later additions. The extremely narrow windows are characteristic of that early period, as well as the division of the building into nave, presbytery, and sanctuary.

Children's Department

THE STORY OF "THE CRUMBLING PATH."

A good many years ago I read a little book or tract called "The Crumbling Path," which made a great impression on my mind. I am

sorry I lost it. I do not know whether the tract is still in print or not. I will give it to you from memory.

A lady had spent the summer in the Highlands of Scotland, and she had been so used to seeing great mountains that she said, when she left the Highlands, she had only to close her eyes and she could always see them. Once she seemed to see the vision of a very tall mountain whose summit was above the clouds, and saw that its sides were thronged with people, and she learned that all these people were hoping to go and live in a beautiful city that was built on the top of a mountain, and though they could not see it, they all believed it was there. The king of that beautiful country had sent his messengers to urge the people to redeem the time and gather the precious stones that strewed the mountain sides. She saw, on looking closer, that all had baskets on their arms, and some were very eager to gather the stones at the foot of the mountain; they lost no time, but gathered as they went.

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She noticed that others had their baskets half full before they had gone any distance up the mountain path, but some were idle and did not stoop to gather the stones for their baskets, though all of them knew that the king had requested that every one, young and old, should gather these stones to adorn his palace—not for its building, but for adornment. The king's messengers kept saying: "Redeem the time; redeem the time!" These messengers were of every nationality, so that all the people could understand the command of the king, but the views were fine from the mountain side, and she heard one say: "Well, I don't intend to gather until I am a long way up the mountain path I don't want to carry a heavy basket." At first this seemed reason-

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