

## British and Foreign.

Canon Eytton preached his first sermon in Westminster Abbey a few Sundays ago. Both the Deans of Westminster and Canterbury were present.

The vicarage of Gedney, Lincs, has fallen to the Crown by the demise of the late vicar, the Rev. G. Rogers, who has held it for the past 38 years.

The Archbishop of York preached recently in Ripon Cathedral and was present on the following day at the festival of parish choirs.

In the precincts of the Cathedral of Hildersheim there is a rose tree said to be more than 1,000 years old. It still flourishes and bears rich crops of roses.

The altar tomb in memory of the late Archbishop Thomson, was unveiled in York Minster on the 9th of August by Lord Crewe.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Burdon has resigned the Bishoprick of Victoria, Hong-Kong, which he has held for 21 years. He went out to China as a missionary in 1852.

The Bishop of Llandaff lately dedicated a peal of six bells presented to the parish church of Bellwells, in memory of her parents, by Mrs. Strelley, of Cakerthorpe, Derbyshire.

The Dean of Canterbury was presented lately with a silver salver by the Chapter and officials of the Abbey. The presentation was made by the Dean of Westminster in the Jerusalem Chamber.

The Right Rev. R. T. Davidson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Rochester, has been translated to the See of Winchester in the place of the Rt. Rev. A. W. Thorold, D.D., recently deceased.

The Rev. A. F. Winnington Ingram, until recently Head of the Oxford House, Bethnal Green, has been appointed rector of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, which is the parish church of that district.

The members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Scotland have made a self-denial collection for the missionaries in Japan, which has been cordially acknowledged by the Council of the American Brotherhood.

There is a very similar shaft to the foregoing erected in the churchyard of St. Mawgan, in Ryder, and it is mounted by a headpiece with a niche on its eastern side containing a representation of the crucifixion. Both these crosses are old Cornish crosses.

Mrs. Fraser, the widow of the late Bishop of Manchester, died recently. She bequeathed a large sum of money to various educational, philanthropic and charitable institutions in London, Manchester, Oxford, Bath and elsewhere.

The Rev. W. Wharton Cassells, of the China Inland Mission, has been appointed Bishop of Mid-China. He is a graduate of Cambridge University, and went out to China in 1885 as a Rochester missionary.

On Tuesday, July 30th, there was a special service held in St. Paul's Cathedral for members of the British Medical Association. They attended in large numbers. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached from Rev. xxii. 1.

The Bishop of Lichfield recently consecrated the Church of St. James, Hansworth, built in 1839. A new nave, south aisle, baptistry, and chancel have been added at a cost of £7,000, and the old chancel will be utilized as a morning chapel.

At Ipswich Grammar School on Speech Day, a cricket match took place between Past and Present. This match is remarkable from the fact that the eleven of the "Old Boys" included a Bishop amongst its members. That Bishop was the Bishop of Trinidad.

A Church of England Institute for soldiers was recently opened at the Cunagh, Ireland, by Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, late Commander of the Forces. The cost is about £1,800, of which £1,500 has already been subscribed.

The Archbishop of York recently dedicated four beautiful stained-glass windows in the parish church of All Saints, Northallerton. They were placed there in memory of the late Rev. B. C. Coffin, who had been vicar of the town for 17 years past. Three of the windows are the gifts of members of the late vicar's family.

The Rev. E. H. Pearce was recently inducted into the living of Christ Church, Newgate St., by the Archdeacon of London. A large congregation, amongst whom were many Blue Coat boys, witnessed the ceremony.

A new school for girls, erected at the cost of £3,700, in memory of the late Rev. Richard West, was formally opened at St. Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, by the Lord Bishop of London, a short while ago. Mr. West was the former and first vicar of this now well-known church.

A meeting was held lately in the clergy vestry of Christ Church, Kensington, Liverpool, when the Rev. Canon Rycroft was presented with a handsome gold watch as a testimonial, expressive of the sincere regard and esteem in which he is held, and in recognition of twenty-five years' faithful pastorate.

The Rev. Canon Bell, the well-known rector of Cheltenham, has written a letter to his parishioners intimating his intention to resign the living of Cheltenham in the near future. He has been rector of Cheltenham for 23 years and is one of the best-known of the evangelical clergy in England.

An interesting discovery has recently been made in the near vicinity of the churchyard of St. Mary Magdalene's, Launceston, viz., an ancient eight-sided shaft of stone about six feet high. This is believed to be a portion of the old churchyard cross, and it has been accordingly erected in the churchyard of the parish church to the east of the church.

The Rev. W. Hay M. H. Aitken (amongst other missions now arranged for under his leadership in Canada) is to conduct a sixteen days' mission in Montreal, from October 26th to November 11th. The first eight days at the Cathedral and the second at St. Jude's Church.

What is known as a "celestial organ" has been added to the multitude of interesting things to be seen in Westminster Abbey. It is an instrument complete in itself, but forms part of the organ on the screen. It is a gift to the Abbey from Mr. A. D. Clarke and was built by Messrs. Hill & Son. Mr. Clarke is well-known as an amateur musician.

The death at Cambridge at the age of eighty-six is announced of Professor Charles Cardale Babington. He was a son of the late Rev. Joseph Babington and grandson of Mr. Thomas Babington, of Rothley Temple, Leicestershire. He was born at Ludlow, and was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge. He was appointed Professor of Botany in the University, and was elected to a Professorial Fellowship at St. John's College in October, 1882.

The Lady-Chapel of Lichfield Cathedral was reopened recently. The Bishop of the Diocese dedicated a new altar, two large windows filled with ancient glass, ten alabaster statues of virgin saints, and alabaster altar rails, as also the great south transept window, together with four other windows in the choir aisles and chapter-house. There was a large congregation of clergy and laity. The address was by the Archbishop of York.

The baptistry of St. George's, Glasgow, has lately been paved with mosaic work. The pattern is light-blue *fleur de lis* on a white ground, and in the front are the words, in old English character, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." The pavement is raised above the floor of the church, from which it is separated by a white marble step. Printed cards, with list of Church services at St. George's, have been left at all the new buildings in Maryhill by the members of the boys' Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The removal of Dean Farrar from Westminster Abbey to Canterbury, says *Church Bells*, is a very grievous loss to the metropolis. The Dean has for nineteen years been one of the most inspiring of preachers to be found in London, and he has done a great work. Hardly any man in England has greater power with working men, and his great congregations at St. Margaret's Church testify to the almost unique attractiveness of his sermons. Amidst much obloquy and gainsaying, he has steadily held on his way as a preacher of righteousness, and he has gained the affection and regard of thousands of men.

The memorial to the late Randolph Caldecott, by Mr. Alfred Gilbert, R. A., has now been placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, by the kind permission of the Dean. It is in close proximity to the memorial of Mr. Frank Holl, R. A., another of Mr. Gilbert's works. Mr. Caldecott was born in 1846, and died at Florence, February, 1886. The following is the inscription on his monument: "An artist whose sweet and dainty grace has not been in his kind surpassed; whose humour was as quaint as it was inexhaustible."

## Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

### The Appointment of Rural Deans.

SIR,—I would like very much if some competent person would enlighten me in reference to the appointment of Rural Deans. I have been under the impression that the Rural Deans are elected by the clergy of the Deanery subject to the approval of the Bishop. At a recent election, one clergyman thought he must necessarily be appointed because he had been in the Deanery for some time, and because he did not get the appointment has withdrawn altogether from the Deanery. I fail to discover that appointment in order of seniority is a rule of the Church, if we examine the case of the appointment of Bishops and all dignitaries down to Rural Deans. I may be mistaken and would like very much to know the grounds upon which any man can withdraw from the Deanery on account of his not being elected.

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### The Clergy House of Rest, Cacouna.

SIR,—I beg to be allowed a little of your space to say a word about the Clergy House of Rest at Cacouna, where I am now staying. This morning I am alone, my last companion, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, having left by the early train for Montreal after a stay of one month. Mr. Dixon has stayed here in two previous years, which fact, coupled with the entry he has made in the visitors' book, shows him to be thoroughly appreciative of the benefits of the institution. This is my own second visit. I arrived here on the 31st of July and had the pleasure of being welcomed by Canon Thorneloe, of Sherbrooke, the Rev. J. W. Bogert, the Rev. A. Jarvis and the Rev. J. H. Dixon; the Rev. Charles Wilson of Springfield came after my arrival and spent a few days with us. But now I am alone, and am surprised at being even for a day alone. It appears to me from my experience of the Clergy House, that there should be a constant succession of visitors. Certain I am from what I have seen of hotels and boarding houses at watering-places in England and Canada, that it would be hard to find one where are so well combined as here, convenience, comfort and quiet. The room I sit in now is a few steps away from the main building and is supplied with writing materials, books, chairs of all sorts and a cosy fire-place; you may enjoy in it your tobacco; and play at draughts, chess or cards, or anything else which a parson may lawfully play at. In the main building there is a pleasant sitting room and yet—*mirabile dictu!*—the non-smoker can, without remaining in his bedroom, rejoice in the absence of the fragrance of the weed, for it is not burnt in the house. The bedrooms are comfortable and beautifully clean, and in each a bath and abundance of that in which a Briton's heart delights—cold water; and the shaver is not forgotten, for his can of hot water comes up every morning. The dining room is as pleasant as it is necessary, and the cooking would satisfy the most fastidious. You ask the price of all this, and you ought to be as much surprised as I am at being alone when I answer, "50c. a day." Let me conclude by quoting from a circular issued in March, 1894: "1. It (the House) is intended for the Clergy only. 2. The residents are bound by no rules but those of Christian courtesy and consideration for others. 3. The 'House of Rest' is neither a Hospital nor an Infirmary nor a Convalescent Home. It is not a 'cheap boarding house' it is—a House of Rest."

BATHURST G. WILKINSON.

### Lay Preaching.

SIR,—The Archbishop of York, in a late discussion on this subject, made a very wise and practical remark, viz., that it is somewhat unseemly for a man to be preaching to persons whom he may meet in the daily intercourse of business in the market, on 'Change, or in his store or office. There is, undoubtedly, much wisdom in this remark. But this difficulty, obviously, does not arise in the conduct of Mission services, of which there are many kinds, conducted under the guidance of clergy and the authorization of a Bishop. A commission to a lay helper, in the matter of taking part in Church services, must after all be left to the discretion of the Bishop himself. There are men who are eminently fit to read lessons, who have not judgment enough