

British and Foreign.

Swansea parish church has a Holy Communion chalice which is said to have been in use regularly for nearly 350 years.

The Rev. W. S. MacGowan, LL.D., assistant master at Cheltenham College, has been appointed principal of St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown, Cape Colony.

It has been decided to place in the college chapel at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, a memorial to those members of the college who lost their lives while on active service in South Africa.

All Saints' church, Newport, Isle of Wight, has been provided with a fine peal of bells, eight in number by the generosity of Mr. E. H. Watts, of London and Newport. The tenor bell weighs 15 cwt.

While demolishing an ancient church at Lalinde, near Perigueux, some workmen found an egg, apparently in a perfect state of preservation, embedded in the mortar of a wall that had been standing for fully 800 years.

The public memorials to the late Miss Charlotte Yonge are, it has been decided, to take the form of a new reredos in the Lady Chapel of Winchester Cathedral, and the erection of a rood screen in the parish church at Otterbourne, in which village Miss Yonge lived nearly all her life.

Three stained glass windows, provided in memory of the Rev. A. E. Watson, for thirteen years chaplain at the British Embassy, at St. Petersburg, have been placed in Christ Church, Skipton, by the family of Mr. John Scott, of Ashfield, Skipton, and relatives.

A set of altar linen of choice fabric and of exquisite design has been sent as a gift to St. Andrew's church, Fortrose, Scotland, by Mrs. Young, El Varadero de Manila, Manila, Philippine Islands. The embroidery testifies to the extreme skill in needlework of the Filipinos. The donor was formerly connected with St. Andrew's congregation.

Under the will of the late Miss Anne Beatrice Miles, of Highgate, the sum of £7,150 has been left for charitable purposes. Among these are the following bequests: To the C.M.S., £100; the B. and F.B.S., £100; the "Disabled" Fund of the London City Mission, £100; the Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen, £3,000; and Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £500.

Canon Hoskyns, the new vicar of Brighton has been presented by over 220 members of the Brotherhood of the Cross in the diocese of Truro, with a parting gift on the occasion of his leaving Truro for Brighton. The presentation took the form of an artistic book containing a water colour picture of the cathedral, an illuminated address, together with the names of the subscribers and the three volumes already published of Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible.

The handsome stained-glass window placed in St. Bartholomew's church, Bristol, as a memorial to the late Queen Victoria, was recently unveiled and dedicated by Canon Everingham. The window consists of five lights and tracery. The lights are divided into three separate groups. The principal subject which is contained in the three centre lights is "The Ascension." In the left-hand light the subject is "The Nativity." The right-hand light depicts "The Resurrection." At the bottom of the window is the following inscription: "To the Glory of God, in loyal and loving memory of our Queen Victoria, 1837-1901."

Bishop Richardson, late of Zanzibar, who is now assisting the Bishop of Brechin, has accepted the wardenship of the Community of St. Thomas the Martyr, at Oxford.

It is announced that the Rev. Arthur W. Pain, rector of St. John's, Darlington, Sydney, has been appointed the first Bishop of Gippsland. Mr. Pain is an Evangelical.

In connection with the restoration of the "lang Kirk o' Craven," as the ancient parish church of Kildwich is known, four foundation stones in the north side of the chancel were laid.

The Bishop of Norwich, speaking at his diocesan conference lately, declared that a bishop must be "as wise as a serpent, as sharp-eyed as a lynx, and as patient as an ass."

The late Mrs. Hay, of Cheltenham, who was connected with the Cromlix family, Kinbuck, has, by her will, bequeathed £2,000 for memorial windows in Dunblane Cathedral.

The village church at Upleatham, North Yorkshire, is claimed to be the smallest in England. It measures 17 feet 9 inches by 13 feet. The church dates back 900 years. Some of the tombstones in the graveyard are dated 1550.

It is stated that Dr. Strachan is about to resign the See of Rangoon, to which he was appointed in succession to Bishop Titcomb, in 1882. The choice of a new Bishop of Rangoon will rest with the Secretary of State for India.

A churchyard cross has been set up in Cuxton churchyard, near Rochester, in memory of the Rev. Charles Colson, for twenty-seven years rector of the parish. It was dedicated on St. Mark's Day by the Bishop of Rochester.

The Venerable Bishop of Gloucester was eighty-three years old on Friday, the 25th ult., he having been born on April 25th, 1819. He is much the oldest Bishop on the Episcopal Bench, and few prelates have occupied a single See for the length of time Dr. Ellicott has.

Miss Anne Beatrice Miles, of Highgate, has bequeathed £3,000 to the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen for a hospital mission ship; £1,500 to Church organizations, including the Bishop of London's Fund, £500; Clergy Orphan Corporation and Friend of the Clergy Corporation, £200 each; the C.M.S., the S.P.G., and the C.E.T.S., £100 each.

Wrexham parish church is known as one of the seven wonders of Wales. It dates as a structure from the fifteenth century, and is cathedral-like in its proportions. A chained Bible, now kept under lock and key, is among the curious relics, and beside it is a handsomely bound "visitors' book," sent by the students of Yale University, U.S., for the use of Yale students visiting the church. In the churchyard is the tombstone of Elihu Yale, with its quaint epitaph. The Soldiers' Chapel, which is entered through an exquisite arch, has a beautiful memorial window to the Welsh Fusiliers who have fallen in battle.

Two very handsome altar desks, pierced and elaborately carved brass work on movable pivots, have lately been presented to Bagnalstown church as memorial gifts from some of the County Tipperary friends of the late Dr. Stawell, who was so highly esteemed in his professional and private life by all who knew him, and in whose memory a very beautiful brass eagle lectern had previously been placed in this church. A man of singularly gentle and lovable character, and of deep religious convictions, his friends could have chosen no more suitable memorials to one who ever wore the white flower of a blameless life.

A handsome reredos has been erected in the church of St. Mary, Thornton Watlass, the panels of which have been worked by Blanche Lady Dods-worth. The centre figure represents our Lord as the Good Shepherd, and the whole is considered a beautiful piece of work.

Since the foundation of the diocese of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 1881, nearly £700,000 has been spent in the foundation of the bishopric, the cathedral chapter, the provision generally of living agents, and other requisites of efficient Church work, and the building and restoration of churches.

The Rev. Edward Charles Awdry, of Chippenham, recently attained the ripe age of ninety-one years. Not long ago he assisted in the service at the parish church, and is in wonderfully good health. The reverend gentleman, until his retirement four years ago, had been in only two cures, viz., at Grittleton, as curate, and at Kington, St. Michael, as vicar. He has lived in five reigns.

Here are interesting facts in connection with some of the societies. The Church Missionary Society's income will show a distinct increase, as compared with the previous year, but, notwithstanding this, there will be a considerable deficit owing to growth of expenditure; the income of the Church Pastoral Aid Society will be about £17,000 less than it was in the year preceding; but, on the other hand, the receipts of the Colonial and Continental Church Society will show an increase of about £5,000. The Church Pastoral Aid Society had, it is true, an anonymous gift of £10,000, but that was given for certain definite purposes, and does not come into the general account.

A SOLITARY WAY.

Prov. xiv., 10; 1. Cor. ii., 11.

"There is a mystery in human hearts,
And though we be encircled by a host
Of those who love us well, and are beloved;
To every one of us, from time to time,
There comes a sense of utter loneliness,
Our dearest friend is "stranger" to our joy,
And cannot realize our bitterness.
"There is not one, who really understands,
Not one to enter into all I feel,"
Such is the cry of each of us in turn;
We wander in a solitary way,
No matter what or where our lot may be,
Each heart, mysterious even to itself,
Must live its inner life in solitude.

Job vii. 17; St. Matthew x. 37.

And would you know the reason why this is?
It is because the Lord desires our love;
In every heart He wishes to be first;
He therefore keeps the secret key Himself
To open all its chambers, and to bless
With perfect sympathy and holy peace
Each solitary soul which comes to Him.
So when we feel His loneliness, it is
The voice of Jesus, saying: "Come to Me"—
And every time we are not understood,
It is a call to us to come again;
For Christ alone can satisfy the hungry soul,
And those who walk with Him from day to day
Can never have a "Solitary Way."

Is. xviii.; Ps. xxxiv., 22.

And when beneath some heavy cross you faint,
And say: "I cannot bear this load alone,"
You say the truth, Christ made it purposely
So heavy that you must return to Him.
The bitter grief which "no one understands,"
Conveys a secret message from the King,
Entreating us to come to Him again.
"The Man of Sorrows" understands it well;
In all points tempted, He can feel with you,
You cannot come too often or too near;
The Son of God is infinite in grace,