

OBITUARY.

MRS. HARVEY.

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle has lost a kind and generous friend by the death of Mrs. Harvey, of the Cliff, Shanklin. She was a friend ever ready to help. The *Winchester Diocesan Chronicle*, for December last, speaks of her good works in that Diocese; of the institution at Broadlands, Newport, founded and maintained by her, for the gratuitous training of girls for service; of the Home of Rest for the Girls' Friendly Society; of her liberal contributions to the funds of Connaught House, Winchester, and St. Catharine's Home at Ventnor; and many other works. "It is impossible," the *Chronicle* adds, "to enumerate all her acts of benevolence, for many are known only to the recipients; but many institutions and many individuals will deplore the loss of a kind and sympathetic friend." Mrs. Harvey subscribed the sum of £50 annually to the funds of the Association; we trust that our friends will do their best to fill this gap in our subscription list.

ON THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

I am told by the Editor to write a short paper dealing with the spirit in which work for Foreign Missions should be taken up in our home parishes. I do not propose to indicate the details of such work; that will probably be done by others later on. It seems to me that the first thing is to attempt to lay a foundation of principles which may tend to make work of this kind more real to the workers, and may stimulate them to greater earnestness in it.

At first sight, indeed, the efforts of people at home in support of Foreign Missions would seem to be important only in a financial sense, as directed to the prosaic and uninteresting purpose of scraping together a quota from each home parish as its contribution to the funds for maintaining missions and missionaries. An important work this, doubtless, for money is necessary to missionary enterprise, as to all others, but singularly unattractive to some minds as an object. If I can show that the actual money-getting, however necessary, is by no means the most important part of the work; that real strength, apart from the matter of money supplies, may go out from our parishes at home, to help and invigorate the actual missionary operations abroad; that the members of the Church in England may take a real part in Christianising the world; it may be that some readers of this paper will be heartened to do, far more cheerfully because far more hopefully, what they have undertaken to do for the special Mission represented by this magazine, and for missions generally.

And to begin, let us remind ourselves of the great Commission which at the first the Church received from her Divine Founder. It