

health to resign the rectory of All Souls', Langham Place, where he has laboured with much acceptance since 1887. Mr. Chapman has sent a letter to his parishioners in which he tells the reason of his resignation in almost pathetic terms. His health, for some time past, has been uncertain, and for the last two years he has been considerably tried by not being able to take his full share of work. At the beginning of this year he quite hoped that he should be able to continue at his post without difficulty, but a sudden and very unlooked-for breakdown in January laid him entirely aside. After conferring with his most trusted medical friends he determined to consult the physician whom they considered best qualified to advise him, and to abide by his decision. The opinion he received was to the effect that his health was liable to get worse under much wear and tear; but that if he were content to fill a post of a less arduous character, he might still look forward to doing plenty of useful work.

The new Rector of All Souls', Langham Place, the Rev. Johnston Hamilton Acheson, Rector of St. Peter's, Chester, and Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral, is well-known and highly esteemed in the north-west of England, where he has been labouring since 1860. He was for two years curate of Liverpool and chaplain of the reformatory ship *Akbar*. In 1862 he was appointed Vicar of Upton, Cheshire. He has held his present living since 1873. His appointment to an honorary canonry in 1890 was a graceful recognition of his work in the diocese, and was warmly appreciated by his people. Canon Acheson will be a useful accession to the ranks of evangelical clergy in London. He is well known at Salisbury Square, and will add strength to the committee. He will, it is believed, quickly win his way to the hearts of his people.—*Record*.



Obituary.

JOSIAH BATEMAN died in May, at the age of ninety-two. He was the son-in-law and biographer of Bishop Wilson, of Calcutta. He took his degree at Queen's College, Cambridge, in 1828, and was subsequently Curate of Burslem, and of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, East Indian Chaplain, Vicar of Marlborough, Vicar of Huddersfield, Rector of North Cray, Vicar of Margate, and, finally, from 1873 till his death, Rector of Southchurch, Essex. From 1863 he was an honorary Canon of Canterbury. He was a powerful and popular preacher and writer, a diligent visitor and organizer, an exemplary father, cheerful and genial in society, with a keen sense of humour. His latest work was "Clerical Reminiscences."

Noticing the death of the Rev. Charles Pritchard, D.D., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., the Savilian Professor of Astronomy, the *Times* says: In spite of serious illness of long duration, he paid his

visits to the Observatory almost to the last, and it is not long since his astronomical work obtained the highest possible recognition. Dr. Pritchard was a Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree as fourth Wrangler in 1830. For many years he was headmaster of the Clapham Grammar School, and various men of distinction—the Dean of Westminster and others—owed to him their early training. In 1870 he was elected to the Savilian chair of astronomy at Oxford, and from that date he superintended with unflagging zeal the new Observatory in the Parks, which, through his enthusiasm, and thanks to the munificence of Dr. De la Rue, has had an ample share of the endowments of scientific research by the University of late years. Dr. Pritchard was made a Fellow of New College in 1883, and honorary Fellow of St. John's, Cambridge, in 1886. He was president of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1866, and in the same year he was awarded the gold medal of that society for recent valuable discoveries in stellar photometry. He was Hulsean lecturer in 1867, and was select preacher both at Oxford and Cambridge; and five times he preached by request before the British Association at their annual meeting. Many treatises from Dr. Pritchard's hands have appeared in the "Transactions" of the Royal Astronomical Society. He was the author of one of the most interesting articles in the "Bible Dictionary," namely, "The Star of the Magi"; and several articles in the last edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" were written by him. In 1886 he was awarded the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society for his "Uranometria Nova Oxoniensis," the result of observations with a wedge-photometer at the University Observatory. His latest work consisted of researches into the parallax of stars by means of photography, which were published last year. Many of his writings have been collected into a volume entitled "Occasional Thoughts of an Astronomer on Nature and Revelation" (1890). He did not forget in the midst of his University life the time which he had spent at Clapham, for in 1886 the old boys of that school invited their old schoolmaster to dinner, and the result was a little volume, called "Annals of our School Life," addressed to his former pupils. Professor Pritchard was in his eighty-fourth year at the time of his death, and was in full possession of all his faculties to the last.

The loss of the Rev. J. R. Starey will be much felt in Lambeth. One who knew the late Vicar of St. Thomas well writes: "Mr. Starey was an Evangelical to the backbone, though of a very liberal turn of mind to those from whom he differed. His life bespoke the man's character. Even-tempered, quiet in manner, kind in disposition, loving in his actions, holy in his conversation and conduct, he was an example and type of what a Christian minister should be: sympathetic with the sufferings and helplessness of his poorer neighbours and parishioners, earnest in the extreme to alleviate their troubles and make known to them the riches of God, straightforward and outspoken as a preacher, he succeeded in making his ministry and life felt to be a power for good."