

to the Church, and to arrange for its safety in case of disestablishment, and was still corresponding about poor benefices in Somerset, and discussing matters with his nephew, Mr. T. E. P. Broadmead, he was called away before anything had been actually done in the matter to make it any legal obligation for Mr. T. P. Broadmead to hand over the £10,000. He was, in fact, carrying out his uncle's wishes, and not merely administering a legacy, and though those who know Mr. Broadmead and his family know they could not have acted otherwise, it is, perhaps, only right that the general public should be aware of the facts of the case."

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Mr. Lavie, of Worcester, has placed in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners the sum of £700 towards the augmentation of the endowment of St. Anne's Vicarage, Fence-in-Pendle, Burnley.



## Obituary.



THE death of Mr. J. D. Allcroft removes one of the best known and most munificent of Evangelical laymen. He was a great church builder, and administered his patronage with the utmost care. For seven years he was President of the C.P.A.S., and only resigned a month or two ago when his last illness had supervened. His sympathies went out to Evangelical work of all kinds. In conjunction with the late Mr. Samuel Morley and with Mr. George Williams he secured Exeter Hall for the Y.M.C.A., and his anonymous gifts were distributed with equal kindness and discretion. He was an ardent Protestant, of late a warm supporter of the Church Association, and one of the promoters of the St. Paul's reredos suit, in which he was not well advised. Mr. Allcroft died after three months of more or less acute suffering, and his body was laid to rest at Stokesay.

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At the Rectory of Whippingham, near Osborne, on Saturday, July 29th, an inquest was held respecting the death of Mrs. Prothero, the wife of Canon Prothero, the rector. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased lady had for a long time suffered from sleeplessness, and had taken drugs to produce sleep. This had affected her brain. On Friday afternoon she left her bedroom, and was found lying in the garden under an open window, from which she had evidently jumped. She died soon afterwards. Every care had been taken for her safety. A verdict was returned to the effect that the deceased lady committed suicide while insane. The news of her sad end created a profound impression at Osborne. The funeral took place on Tuesday. Several ladies and gentlemen from Osborne attended. They included Miss Manns, representing the Queen; Sir Henry Ponsonby, Sir John

Cowell, and Dr. Reid. A large number of floral tributes were sent; one was from her Majesty, with a card bearing the inscription, written with her own hand, "A mark of friendship and regard.—VICTORIA." Another was from the Marchioness of Lorne, marked, "From Louise, August 1st." A third was from Princess Christian, bearing the words, "In remembrance of loving years of friendship and love.—HELENA." Princess Henry of Battenberg sent a wreath with the words, "A mark of sincere friendship and regard.—BEATRICE;" and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught sent one with the words, "A token of regard from the Duke and Duchess of Connaught." Whippingham Church was filled with mourners and residents of the locality.

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The Rev. Nugent Wade, M.A., Canon of Bristol Cathedral, died lately in Wales in his eighty-sixth year. He was a Scholar (1827) of Trinity College, Dublin, and Classical Gold Medallist in 1828, graduating in the following year. He was ordained in 1832, and from 1833 till 1839 was consular chaplain at Elsinore. He came to London in 1839 as incumbent of St. Paul's, Finsbury, and in 1846 Bishop Blomfield presented him to the rectory of St. Anne's, Soho, which he resigned in 1890. Few clergymen have laboured continuously in London for so long a period. In 1872, on the recommendation of Mr. Gladstone, a frequent worshipper in the church, the Lord Chancellor presented Mr. Wade to a residentiary stall in Bristol Cathedral, which now falls to the gift of Lord Herschell. At Bristol the Canon took great interest in Mr. Street's new nave and in the proposal for reviving the see. He was, says the *Standard*, an old-fashioned High Churchman, who did a great work among the poor of Soho. He was, however, best known to the general public by the musical services which he established in Lent—viz., the rendering of the Passion music, which has since become so common a practice.

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Miss Mary Augusta Gordon, sister of the late General Gordon (and daughter of the late Lieut.-General H. W. Gordon, R.A.), has died at Southampton. She was well-known throughout Hampshire for her benevolent work, especially in connection with the establishment of Gordon Boys' brigades. The news of Miss Gordon's death having been sent to Osborne, the Queen at once despatched a telegram expressive of her deep sympathy with the bereaved family. The Queen was also represented at Miss Gordon's funeral.

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Mr. John Horniman, a member of the Society of Friends, widely known for his munificent support of religious and philanthropic institutions, has died, aged ninety. He retired from the famous City firm, of which he was formerly the head, in 1869. Mr. Horniman leaves a widow in her ninety-third year.

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