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The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society has received a gift of £300 "In memoriam Rev. William Heygate Benn."

The Bishop of Llandaff has refused to institute the Rev. W. Craig, who has been presented by the Marquis of Abergavenny to the living of Llan-ihleth, on the ground that he cannot speak Welsh.

Obituary.

WILLIAM ROBERT FREMANTLE, Dean of Ripon, has died rich in honour and love at the age of eighty-eight. He was third son of Admiral Sir Thomas Fremantle, who distinguished himself at Copenhagen and Trafalgar. His eldest brother was created Lord Cottesloe, and the second was Admiral Sir Charles, who was distinguished in the Crimea. The Dean was Fell Exhibitioner of Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. 1829, M.A. 1832, D.D. 1876, Fellow of Magdalen 1841-68. He was Rector and Rural Dean of Claydon, where he used to hold gatherings of undergraduates from Oxford. He wrote a "Memoir of Spencer Thornton," and "From Athens to Rome." He was a vigorous, loving and warm-hearted exponent of the Gospel in his life and teaching.

Few clergymen have lived a more quiet and uneventful life than the late Rev. S. Flood Jones, who, for no less than thirty-eight years, has been closely connected with Westminster Abbey, and who, on Saturday morning, was laid in his last resting-place in the south cloister amid the deep sorrow of many attached friends. He was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, and became a Deputy Minor Canon in the Abbey in 1857. In 1859 he was appointed Minor Canon, and in 1868 he became Precentor. In 1869 he was made one of the Priests-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and in 1876 was nominated by the Dean and Chapter to the Vicarage of St. Botolph's, Aldersgate. His whole life has been spent in quiet, faithful, unostentatious service. He was a man of fine presence, and it is only for the last year or two that the clear and melodious voice, so familiar to thousands of the Abbey worshippers, showed any signs of deterioration. His attendance at the services was most regular, and the deep reverence of his manner was sufficient to show how little he regarded them as a mere external function, how earnestly he strove to make them seasons of heartfelt prayer. To the Abbey he was devotedly attached. There were very few positions which he would have been willing to exchange for that of Precentor. During the main part of his life he took a prominent share in all the great ceremonials of national import of which the Abbey is the scene. He chanted the service at the Jubilee of the Queen, at the funerals of Lord Tennyson, Mr. Browning, Lord Palmerston, Lord Shaftesbury, Charles Darwin, Archbishop Trench, Archbishop Tait, Sir Gilbert Scott, Mr. W. E. Forster, Lord Randolph Churchill, and multitudes of other eminent men. His wedding hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," has been sung at almost every great marriage in the choir or in Henry VII.'s chapel. He took part in the consecration service of scores of bishops. As Precentor he was the official head of the choir, and his wide knowledge of music gave charm and variety to the daily and weekly selection of the anthems, which were most appropriate to each sacred festival. Perhaps the greatest service which he rendered was in the training and keeping together of the large voluntary choir which sings at the nave services and the other evening services in the Abbey. This body of gentlemen was devotedly attached to him. He was always the chief hero of the annual dinner of the voluntary choir in the Jerusalem

Chamber, and besides this they yearly received him at a dinner given in his own honour. Many of them attended his funeral, and it was a touching thing to witness the tears of bearded men as they dropped their floral offerings into his grave.—Archdeacon Farrar in the *Guardian*.

The Rev. Edmund Venables, precentor and canon residentiary of Lincoln, has died of the epidemic. Only a short time ago he was apparently in excellent health, and on February 17 he lectured at Toynbee Hall on "Lincoln Cathedral." On the morning of the 22nd he was taken suddenly ill, showing all the symptoms of influenza. Other complications supervened, and during Monday night he gradually sank and passed painlessly away. The deceased, who was in his 76th year, graduated from Pembroke College, Cambridge, in 1842, as a Wrangler and a second-class man in classics. On the death of Archdeacon Giles in 1867, he became examining chaplain to Bishop Jackson, and also succeeded to a canonry of the Cathedral. He was recognised as a well-read theologian, a good preacher, and an accomplished archæologist. He wrote extensively on architectural and archæological subjects, and some lectures which he delivered on "Lincoln Cathedral" and "Walks through the Streets of Lincoln" have had a wide sale, being regarded as authoritative utterances on the history and architecture of the Minster and on the antiquities of the city. Mrs. Venables has since succumbed to the same illness.

The Rev. Henry Robinson Heywood, Hon. Canon of Manchester and Vicar of Swinton, son of Sir Benjamin Heywood, and one of the most popular clergymen in the north of England, is dead. He had for several years conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral one of the midday courses of Lenten addresses. He graduated at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1856, and was ordained the following year to the curacy of Southam, Warwickshire; he was curate of St. John's, Pendlebury, from 1859 to 1864, when he was appointed Vicar of Swinton. He became Hon. Canon of Manchester, and Proctor for the archdeaconry of Manchester, in 1888, and Rural Dean of Eccles in 1890.

The diocese of St. David's in particular, and the Church in Wales generally, have suffered a conspicuous loss by the death of the Venerable Henry De Winton, Archdeacon of Brecon, and formerly examining chaplain to the Bishop of St. David's. He was well known in every part of the diocese, the poorer clergy of which found in him a real friend. His career at Cambridge was one of unusual brilliancy. He was third classic and a senior optime in 1846, in addition to which he gained Sir W. Browne's medal for a Greek ode. Ordained in 1849, Mr. De Winton was appointed Rector of Boughroot, Radnorshire, two years later. There he remained for 33 years, making for himself a great reputation for hard and useful work. For some time prior to 1875, when he was appointed Archdeacon of Brecon, he represented the clergy of St. David's in Convocation, and his utterances in that assembly invariably displayed sound judgment and always commanded respect.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Matthew Blagden Hale, who from 1857 to 1875 was Bishop of Perth, Western Australia, and from 1875 to 1885 Bishop of Brisbane. The late Bishop was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and took his degree in 1835. After holding several curacies and benefices in this country, he accepted the Archdeaconry of Adelaide on the formation of that diocese in 1847, a position which he occupied until his consecration. Dr. Hale was in his eighty-fourth year.