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A parishioner of St. John's, Upper Holloway, has recently bequeathed £2,000, invested in the funds, for the use of the poor; and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Seaver, B.D.) and wardens have been appointed trustees. The Dickenson Trust produces £100 per annum, so that St. John's has now £150 each year for the temporal wants of its poor.

Obituary.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH.

THE Archbishop of Armagh and Lord Primate of Ireland, the Most Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, D.D., has gone to his rest. Dr. Gregg, 110th Archbishop of Armagh, was born in 1834, and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in 1857. He was ordained deacon in that year by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Whately, and began his ministerial life in the diocese of Cork, as curate of Rathcooney. He was appointed, when only twenty-five years of age, to the important incumbency of Christ Church, Belfast, where he made his mark at once as an active and business-like city clergyman. On the elevation of his father, Dr. John Gregg, to the see of Cork, in 1862, he returned to that diocese as domestic chaplain to the Bishop and as incumbent of Frankfield. Here he laboured for twelve years, being promoted successively to the rectory of Carrigrohane and the deanery of Cork. In 1875, on the death of Bishop O'Brien, he was selected to fill the vacant see of Ossory, Ferns, and Leighlin. Without the learning or intellectual power of Dr. O'Brien, he was yet well qualified in other respects for the duties to which he was called. The Church of Ireland had been disestablished but a few years before, and it was all-important that the new bishops should possess the confidence of the laity. This Dr. Gregg had gained in Cork, and he was already well known in the General Synod as a prudent, patient, honourable man, without extreme views of any kind, who could be trusted to rule his clergy with impartiality. And his work as Bishop of Ossory was so energetically and successfully performed that when his father died in 1878 he was recalled to Cork to preside over the diocese in which he had spent the greater part of his ministerial life. It is as Bishop of Cork that he will be best remembered. An excellent financier and a man of great common-sense, he did good service to the Church in the South of Ireland. He was not an eloquent preacher, nor did he leave behind him any published work, save a short memoir of his father; but he devoted his life to the punctual discharge of the ordinary duties of his episcopate. And thus, when the Primacy of All Ireland became vacant by the death of Dr. Knox, in 1893, he was elected by the Bench of Bishops to the Archbishopric of Armagh. The choice was of itself a witness to his high personal character, and to the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him best; and during the years that he was Primate he filled the Chair of St. Patrick with dignity and discretion.

A correspondent of the *Times*, speaking of him, said: "Widespread regret has been caused in the united dioceses of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross by the death of the Primate. Thirty of the thirty-eight years which he served in the ministry were spent in this diocese, where he was exceedingly popular amongst all religious denominations. By direction of the mayor, Sir John Scott, the municipal flags were, on the receipt of the news, hoisted half-mast, and the church bells were tolled. In all the churches touching references were made to his career and the loss the Church has sustained through his death. Bishop Meade

bore testimony to his great wisdom and good judgment in administration. The Dean of Cork, Dr. Archdall, attributed the remarkable unity of the clergy of this diocese to his wise guidance, good sense, and tact. The satisfactory position of the Church funds to-day was due to the foresight of Dr. Gregg. During the dark days succeeding the disestablishment, his financial scheme had placed every clergyman in that diocese, if not in a wealthy, in a decidedly comfortable position. In Presbyterian and Methodist churches, also, credit was given the Primate for his broad Christian views."

ARCHDEACON BROWNE.

The Ven. Robert William Browne, M.A., F.G.S., Archdeacon of Bath, and the senior of the Canons-residentiary of Wells, has been called away, after a short illness, in his eighty-sixth year. He was educated at St. John's College, Oxford, whence he took his degree in 1831 with double First Class honours. He was subsequently elected Fellow and appointed tutor of his college, and this latter appointment he held till 1839. In 1853 he received the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Heidelberg. He was Professor of Classical Literature of King's College, London, from 1835 to 1862, and was made an honorary Fellow of the same institution in 1876. He was also classical examiner for the Secretary of State for War, 1853-55. He was ordained in 1833, and was assistant-preacher at Lincoln's Inn 1836-43, and Select Preacher at Oxford in 1842-43. He was also chaplain to a former Bishop of Lichfield, a Prebendary of St. Paul's (1845-63), and of Wells (since 1858), and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Bath and Wells from 1857 till 1872, including portions of the episcopates of Lord Auckland and the late Lord A. C. Hervey. He was appointed Archdeacon of Bath in 1860, received a canonry of Wells in 1863, and held the rectory of Weston-super-Mare from 1862 to 1876. Archdeacon Browne was the author of "Histories of Greece and Rome," "Histories of Greek and Roman Classical Literature," "Ethics of Aristotle Translated," and a "Latin Grammar for Ladies." The late Archdeacon, who was one of the oldest members of the Athenæum Club, was, says the *Times*, a kindly and courteous gentleman, and a scholar of the old-fashioned type. At the Abbey Church on Sunday morning the rector (Canon Quirk), preaching from 3 John 2, said: "It was my good fortune on Tuesday last to be introduced by the Bishop to one who was then my new Archdeacon. He was much in his usual health, though complaining slightly of bronchial trouble, but for a man of eighty-six he was a remarkable specimen of prosperity and health. He met me as your new rector, and threw himself at once, with characteristic ability, into the various interests of this church and city, and when I left him I indulged in the hope that, as far as Bath was concerned, I had found in him a 'guide, philosopher, and friend.' But it was not to be, for in scarcely more than forty-eight hours he had breathed his last, and on, I think, the very day after that on which another Archdeacon of the diocese—Archdeacon Denison—had completed his ninetieth year, he was called up higher. The Bishop, in writing of him, says: 'Archdeacon Browne is deeply missed by a large number of clergy, who have known him as a kind friend and a wise counsellor.' And the record of him in the newspapers is brilliant indeed. Appointed Archdeacon of Bath so long ago as 1860, he exemplifies to the full that tripartite division of our human nature, the due proportion of body, mind, and spirit. Let us cultivate a similar proportion; for an ancient epitaph which I once read is true still—

Live well, and die never,
Die well, and live for ever."

—*Guardian*.

LORD DUNLEATH.

The death of Lord Dunleath removes a loyal and devoted Churchman from the diocese of Down, where he has long taken an active part in the work of Church organization. Speaking of him on Sunday last in Ballywalter Church, the Rev. Dr. Greer remarked that "as Christ's soldier and servant he held a higher patent of nobility than any earthly sovereign could give him. He was a man of keen intellect and wide culture, and yet his faith was simple and straightforward as that of a little child. His zeal for the welfare of the Church was felt in her Synods, in her Councils, in their beautiful church, in the endowments of their parish, and in the support of every deserving cause."—*Record*.

BISHOP REINKENS.

A Reuter telegram dated Bonn, January 5, says: "Professor Reinkens, Bishop of the German Old Catholics, is dead." Joseph Hubert Reinkens was born at Burtscheid, near Aix-la-Chapelle, in March, 1821, and, after studying at Bonn, entered the priests' seminary at Cologne in 1847, and obtained his degree of doctor of theology in Munich, 1849. In 1850 he settled in Breslau as a teacher of ecclesiastical history, and in 1852 was appointed preacher at the cathedral. In 1857 he was appointed ordinary professor of theology, and in the year following resigned his post of preacher at the cathedral. He was among the fourteen professors who at Nuremberg protested against the Vatican decrees in August, 1870. For this action he was suspended from his clerical functions, and the students were prohibited from attending his lectures. Since that time Professor Reinkens entirely devoted himself to the promotion of the Old Catholic movement, and in 1872 he was excommunicated by Prince Bishop Foerster of Breslau. On June 4, 1873, the Professor was elected Bishop by the delegates of the Old Catholics of the German Empire, and on August 11 the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Dutch Old Catholic Bishop Heycamp, of Deventer.—*Times*.

CANON REGINALD SMITH.

The death is announced, at the age of eighty-six, of the Rev. Reginald S. Smith, Canon of Salisbury, formerly Rural Dean of Dorchester, and for sixty years Rector of West Stafford, Dorchester. Canon Reginald Smith was fourth and last surviving son of Sir John Wyldbore Smith, of Sydling and the Down House, Blandford. He was educated at Winchester College along with the late Lords Selborne and Sherbrooke, Bishop Wordsworth of Lincoln, Ralph Disraeli, Anthony Trollope, and the late John Floyer, M.P. for Dorset, and life-long friend and neighbour. He was the eldest surviving Wykehamist, except the Warden of New College. At Balliol he was stroke of the college boat when it was head of the river in 1829. He was a prominent member of the Evangelical party in the Church, but his tolerance, charity, and individuality gave him extraordinary influence with all sections of opinion throughout the diocese of Salisbury and far beyond it. He married, in 1836, Emily Geneviève, daughter of H. H. Simpson, of Camden Place, Bath (she died in 1877). Three daughters and three sons survive him, the sons being Mr. Bosworth Smith, of Harrow, Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Marriott Smith, R.A., and the Rev. E. F. Noel Smith, head of the Marlborough College Mission, Tottenham.—*Times*.

PREBENDARY GRAHAM.

The Rev. John Graham, Prebendary of Bishopshull, in Lichfield Cathedral, died at his residence, Beacon Hill, Lichfield, in his eighty-third year. The deceased was stricken with paralysis, from which he never rallied. A few years back he retired from active clerical duties; but he will long be remembered with affection and respect, says the

Birmingham Post, as the Rector of St. Chad's, Lichfield, the restoration of which church was commenced by him shortly before his resignation. He was born at Downpatrick, county Down, in 1813, and was ordained priest by the Bishop of Durham in 1845. In 1876 he was appointed Rural Dean of Lichfield, and in 1886 was presented to the prebendal stall of Bishopshull.—*Record*.

DR. JELLETT.

Canon Morgan Woodward Jellett, LL.D., Rector of St. Peter's, Dublin, died at his residence in Palmerston Road. He was cousin of the Dean of St. Patrick's and of the late Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. For many years he was a member of the Representative Church Body and one of the secretaries of the General Synod of the Irish Church, and he took an active part in the administration of its financial and general business. He was thoroughly conversant with all matters relating to the position and interests of the Church, and an able exponent of her rights and claims, as well as an earnest parochial minister. He began his ministerial duties as curate in Sligo. He had been for the last eighteen months in very delicate health.—*Record*.

The *National Church* publishes the following list of better-known clergy who have died in 1895: *Bishops*.—A. W. Thorold (Winchester), R. Durnford (Chichester), J. B. Pearson (late of Newcastle, Australia), A. B. Suter (late of Nelson, N.Z.), C. Maples (Likoma), J. C. Campbell (late of Bangor), W. W. Jackson (Antigua), G. Hills (late of British Columbia), M. B. Hale (late of Brisbane). *Deans*.—R. Payne Smith (Canterbury), W. R. Fremantle (Ripon), F. Owen (Leighlin), H. Townshend (Achnonry). *Archdeacons*.—J. E. Blakeney (Sheffield), R. W. Browne (Bath), B. S. Clarke (Liverpool), Cust (late of Richmond), H. De Winton (Brecon), R. Hobhouse (late of Bodmin), G. Maddison (late of Ludlow), E. Palmer (Oxford). *Canons*.—James Duncan (Canterbury), C. A. Heurtley, D.D. (Christ Church, Oxford), H. W. Phillott (Hereford), E. Venables (Lincoln). *Hon. Canons and Prebendaries*.—J. C. Blomfield (Christ Church, Oxford), C. Brereton (Ely), Hon. G. T. O. Bridgeman (Liverpool), T. Briscoe (Bangor), T. H. Chester (Durham), E. Clayton (Chester), T. P. Coulson (Truro), G. Cruddas (Newcastle), H. Foster (Chichester), Hon. J. Grey (Durham), F. W. Harper (York), G. Heathcote (Ely), H. R. Heywood (Manchester), J. T. Jeffcock (Lichfield), R. Joynes (St. Albans), A. Kent (Gloucester), H. Maclean (Lincoln), G. H. M. Moberly (Salisbury), W. Morton (St. Asaph), M. F. Osborn (Newcastle), J. H. Poo'ey (Lincoln), E. Roberts (St. Asaph), M. F. Sadler (Wells), J. F. Smith (Lichfield), Reginald Smith (Salisbury), F. V. Thornton (Truro), R. Tonge (Manchester), J. T. Turnock (Norwich). G. W. Warr (Liverpool), G. R. Winter (Norwich). *Revs.*—G. W. Atlay, H. L. Baker, H. Barnacle, A. L. W. Bean, W. A. Beaufort, W. R. Bell, W. Bellars, B. E. W. Bennett, W. J. Blew, C. W. Boase, J. Booker, P. Bowden-Smith, G. Brewin, Sir T. P. Bridges, Bart., J. W. Caldicott, D.D., J. Chapman (æt. 92), T. W. Collis, T. Cottle, C. Daman, A. P. Dunlap, S. A. Ellis, A. Gordon, W. Gray, Septimus Hansard, H. D. Harper, D.D. (Principal, Jesus College, Oxford), J. H. Harrison, J. S. Hilliard, H. Hogarth (æt. 93), R. E. Hooppell, T. G. P. Hough, C. Jackson, R. M. Jones, S. Flood Jones, W. T. Ker, Bryan King, J. W. B. Laurie, W. H. C. Luke, A. Majendie, C. Marson, T. D. C. Morse, H. L. Parry, J. Polehampton, J. S. Pollock, J. J. Reynolds, Sir E. Rogers, Bart., J. Salwey (æt. 94), J. Sharp, D.D., W. B. Shepherd, H. Smith, D.D., J. Stewart, C. Richmond Tait, W. Thompson, R. St. John Tyrwhitt, C. L. Vaughan, W. R. Vaughan, S. L. Warren, C. Whately, C. T. Whitley, D.D., R. Whiston, E. C. Williams, M. Wynnell-Mayow.