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Institute, Preston, £1,500; Moravian Missionary Society, £500; Clergy Orphan School, Canterbury, £500; Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, £1,000; Harris Fever Wards, Preston (endowment), £500; trustees of the School for the Daughters of Clergymen at Casterton, £1,000; trustees of the Institution for the Education and Training of Domestic Servants, Casterton, £1,000; the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund, £1,000; Preston Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, £100; endowment fund of the Cross Deaf and Dumb School for North and East Lancashire, £1,000; endowment fund of St. Jude's Church, Preston, £500; Preston Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, £100. The residue of the testatrix's personal estate is bequeathed to the following four societies: The Curates' Augmentation Fund, the endowment fund of the Cross Deaf and Dumb School for North and East Lancashire, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Church Missionary Society.

The late Mr. Edwin Butler, of Springfield Brewery, Wolverhampton, who died while on a visit to America for the benefit of his health, has bequeathed £10,000 for the benefit of the inhabitants of the borough; £5,000 are to be devoted to providing a branch public reading-room, and the interest on the remainder is to provide music for the public parks.

An anonymous donor has, it is stated, given £5,000 towards the erection of a new church at Heckmondwike, Yorkshire.

Obituary.

THE death is announced from Paris of the Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., LL.D., the well-known theological writer. The *Times*, in its obituary notice, says that the deceased was born at Coire in 1819, and was educated at Stuttgart, Tübingen, Halle, and Berlin. His degrees of Ph.D. and B.D. were taken at the Berlin University in 1841, and in 1854 he received the honorary degree of D.D. From 1842 to 1844 Dr. Schaff lectured in the University of Berlin on exegesis and Church history. In the latter year he went over to the United States, and settled there as Professor of Theology in the German Reformed Seminary of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. This post he occupied until 1863, when he removed to New York, and became Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee (1864-69), and Lecturer at the Theological Seminaries in Andover, Hartford, and New York. In 1869 he became Professor of Biblical Literature, and in 1887 of Church History, in the Union Theological Seminary, New York. He was one of the active promoters of the Evangelical Alliance, and on three occasions was sent to Europe to arrange for the General Conference which was held in New York in October, 1873. He was appointed delegate to the Conference at Basle in 1879, and to the Conference at Copenhagen in 1884. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him both by the Scotch University of St. Andrews and the American institution of Amherst College. He was President of the American Bible Revision Committee. Dr. Schaff was a voluminous writer, and the following are his most important works:—“History of the Apostolic Church,” 1853;

"Sketch of the Political, Social, and Religious Character of the United States," 1855; "Germany: its Universities, Theology, and Religion," 1857; "History of the Christian Church," 1858, in two volumes, which were afterwards expanded into six; "German Hymn-book," 1859; "The Christ of the Gospels," 1864; "The Person of Christ," 1865—a work which has frequently been reprinted; "Christ in Song," 1869; "Revision of the English Version of the New Testament," 1874; "The Vatican Decrees," 1875; "The Creeds of Christendom," three volumes, 1876, of which many subsequent editions have been issued; "Harmony of the Reformed Confessions," 1877; "Through Bible Lands," 1878; "Dictionary of the Bible," 1880; "Library of Religious Poetry," 1881; "Companion to the Greek Testament and the English Version," 1883; "Historical Account of the Work of the American Committee of Revision of the English Version," 1885; "Christ and Christianity," 1885; and "Literature and Poetry," and "Creed Revision in the Presbyterian Churches," 1890. Dr. Schaff was editor of the Anglo-American adaptation of Lange's "Commentary on the Bible," begun in 1864; of a "Popular Commentary on the New Testament," 1879, etc.; of the "International Revision Commentary on the New Testament," 1881, etc.; of the "Select Library of Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers," in fourteen volumes, 1886-89; of a second series, in conjunction with Principal Wace, 1890, etc.; of the "Schaff-Herzog Cyclopædia of Religious Knowledge," 1887; and of a "Cyclopædia of Living Divines," 1887. The deceased was one of the Evangelical Alliance delegates to the Tsar in 1871, to intercede with him on behalf of the religious liberty of his subjects in the Baltic provinces. He was a member of many of the learned societies of Europe and America, and was a prolific contributor to the reviews and other periodicals of Germany and the United States.

The late Mrs. Davidson has left £4,500 (free of duty) towards liquidating the debt on the churches in the parish of St. Paul, Llanelly, South Wales, of which her son-in-law, the late Rev. D. D. Jones, was vicar.

The late Mr. Simeon Warburg, of Bassett Road, Kensington, who died last August, leaving personalty valued at £231,000, bequeathed £500 to the Jews' Hospital at Norwood; £400 each to the Jewish Board of Guardians, the Central Synagogue, and the Jews' Free School, Bell Lane, Spitalfields; £400 each to the London Hospital, the Royal Free Hospital, the London Fever Hospital, the Metropolitan Hospital (Kingsland Road), the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields), and the Orthopædic Hospital (Hatton Garden); £200 to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, £200 to the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, and £500 to the executors for distribution among such Jewish charities as they may select.—Mr. Dawson, of Baildon, Yorkshire, has bequeathed £24,000 to various charities. The benefactions are mostly local, but Dr. Barnardo's Homes receive £2,000.