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King's College School, following the example of the Charterhouse and St. Paul's, is about to remove from its premises in the Strand, which it has occupied nearly seventy years, to a noble site, some six acres in extent, facing Wimbledon Common.

The sum required to float the Bristol Bishopric Scheme is now practically complete, and the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol hopes that the division of his diocese will take place about the end of March next.

During last year the lifeboats were launched for service 341 times round our coasts; 312 lives and much valuable property were saved, and twenty vessels, besides numbers of fishing-boats, were rescued from shipwreck.

The Bishop of Chichester, the Right Rev. E. R. Wilberforce, D.D., has consented to become Chairman of the C.E.T.S., in the place of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Wilberforce, like Dr. Temple, is himself a total abstainer.

The Bishop of London was enthroned in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, January 30th. The Lord Mayor attended in state. The new Bishop of Peterborough was confirmed on February 22nd.

Sixty-six Liberal and twenty Irish Nationalist members voted for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church of England on the motion of Mr. Samuel Smith on February 9th. There were 204 names against the motion.

At the time of writing the Mansion House Relief Fund for the Famine in India has nearly reached the magnificent sum of £330,000.

Sunday Closing has once again been rejected by the House of Commons.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

Lord Heneage has given £1,000 towards the endowment of All Saints', Weelsby, Grimsby. The C.P.A.S. has received two sums of £500 each under the wills of Mr. Thomas Meadows and of Mrs. C. L. W. Thomas. The Duke of Westminster has sent £500 to the East London Church Fund. An anonymous donor has given £2,000 for the building of a chancel and towards the endowment of St. Matthew's, Cainscross, Stroud.

Obituary.

GENERAL SIR ROBERT PHAYRE, G.C.B., died on January 28, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a Lieutenant in the Bombay Infantry in 1839, and advanced step by step to the position of General in 1889. He took part in an immense amount of soldiering in Sind, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, Kotra, Miani, Abyssinia, Magdala, Baroda, Quetta, Candahar, and other places. His public career will be chiefly remembered by the grave charges of maladministration which he successfully brought, when Political Resident at Baroda, against the Gaikwar, during the course of which an attempt was made to poison the Resident, instigated almost certainly by the Gaikwar. He received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament for his military services. He was a true man of God, and a Protestant Churchman of the most decided opinions.