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ments, alike by their nature and number. On the other hand, the Government is using all the expedients which the rules and customs of the House allow to force the Bill forward against all obstacles.

The waters of the Victoria Nyanza are now navigated by the steamer placed there mainly by the efforts of the *Record* newspaper. The good effect upon civilizing and missionary enterprise is likely to be marked.

The Vicar of Aston, the Rev. H. Sutton, who has just been appointed an Hon. Canon in Worcester Cathedral, set apart February 21 as a thank-offering Sunday, with the result that £1,300 were given, mainly by members of the regular congregation, towards the needs of the parish.

The Bampton Lecturer for the present year is the Rev. R. L. Ottley, Fellow of Magdalen College, who has chosen for his general subject the practical value to the spiritual life of to-day of the Old Testament as seen in the light of modern criticism.

Obituary.

THE Rev. WILLIAM ARCHIBALD SCOTT ROBERTSON, Hon. Canon of Canterbury. Canon Robertson was a Senior Optime in 1859, and was ordained the same year. His life was mainly spent in country parishes, and his published studies in archæology are numerous and excellent.

The Rev. WILLIAM HARDING GIRDLESTONE, D.D., Hon. Canon of Gloucester, aged seventy-five. A scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, he was ordained in 1849, was Vicar of Ryde in 1863, and Principal of Gloucester College, 1868-1875.

The Very Rev. EVAN OWEN PHILLIPS, Dean of St. David's, died somewhat suddenly on March 2. He was a native of Pembrokeshire, and was educated at Cardigan Grammar School and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He was eighteenth Wrangler in 1849. From 1854-1861 he was Warden of Llandovery, and afterwards Rector of Aberystwith, in both of which positions he did valuable constructive work. He became Canon of St. David's in 1874, and Chancellor of the Cathedral in 1879. Dr. Phillips was a man of many parts, a good scholar, an excellent preacher, and an accomplished organist.

The Rev. F. E. WIGRAM, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, after a long and painful illness. A graduate of Trinity, Cambridge, in 1857, he was ordained the following year, and held several curacies, until in 1880 he became hon. secretary to the Church Missionary Society. How faithfully and manfully he laboured in this great post is told by a comparatively early death.

The Rev. EBENEZER COBHAM BREWER, LL.D.; died on March 6, at the age of eighty-six. He took a first class in law from Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in 1835, and was ordained the same year in the diocese of Ely. He published his widely known "Guide to Science" in 1850. His "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable," first published in 1868, has reached its twenty-fifth edition.