

Mr. Assheton Smith, Vaynol Park, Bangor, has given £500 towards the restoration of the ancient parish church of Carnarvon.

A new church is to be built in Yeovil with £10,000 bequeathed by the late Mr. Henry Cole. The population of the town is rapidly increasing, and the attendance at the other two churches quite justifies the proposed steps.

The living of Willand, near Cullompton, has, by the strenuous and praiseworthy efforts of the vicar, been increased from £110 to £131. The fund from which the interest is derived was contributed to from the Bishop of the diocese down to the poorest parishioner.

Towards the £2,000 required for the purpose of acquiring freehold land on which to build a vicarage as a memorial to the Rev. F. J. Ponsonby, late Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, the sum of £1,200 has been collected. Mr. Andrew Oliver, of Bedford Row, has given £3,000 for the building, and operations will begin immediately.

Lord Burton has formally handed over to the Bishop of Lichfield the deeds of a new Church Institute for St. Paul's parish, Burton-on-Trent. The building has been erected at a cost of over £10,000, the whole of which has been borne by Lord Burton, whose gifts to the borough of Burton during recent years amount to more than £100,000.

Sir Francis S. Powell, M. P. for Wigan, has most generously contributed £2,250 to the enlarging of church schools in the town, and £2,000 of it is for the schools of St. George's parish, of which Sir Francis' father was at one time vicar.

Obituary.

A *TIMES* telegram from Melbourne announces the death of the Right Rev. Sydney Linton, D.D., Bishop of Riverina, which took place after a brief illness. Dr. Linton was a son of the Rev. Henry Linton, Rector of St. Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford, and Honorary Canon of Christ Church. He was educated at Rugby and at Wadham College, Oxford, where he graduated and took a Second Class in law and history in 1864. He was ordained deacon in 1867 and priest in 1868. He was Curate of St. Mark's, Cheltenham, from 1867 to 1870, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Oxford, from 1870 to 1877, and Vicar of St. Philip's, Norwich, from 1877 to 1884. In the latter year, on the formation of the See of Riverina, he was appointed the first Bishop. He was created an honorary D.D. of Oxford in 1884. In 1887 he married Jane Isabella, daughter of the Rev. Professor Heurtley, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts yesterday afternoon, the Archbishop of Canterbury announced the death of the Right Rev. Charles Alan Smythies, Bishop of Zanzibar and Missionary Bishop in East Africa.

A message had been received at the office of the Universities Mission to Central Africa from the secretary, the Rev. Duncan Travers, dated Aden, May 10, stating that Bishop Smythies died on Monday morning (May 7) of fever, and was buried at sea. Mr. Travers had been on a visit to Zanzibar, and was known to be returning by the French mail which left there on May 3, and it is supposed that Bishop Smythies, being unwell, started with him for Aden for the benefit of a sea voyage, but that his illness took a serious turn, and that he died four days after leaving Zanzibar. Bishop Smythies was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1867, proceeding M.A. in 1871, and D.D. in 1883. From 1869 to 1872 he was Curate of Great Marlow, and from 1872 to 1880 at Roath, Glamorganshire, where he was Vicar from 1880 to 1883. In 1890 he received the honorary degree of D.D. from the Universities of Oxford and Durham. He was consecrated Missionary Bishop of Central Africa in St. Paul's Cathedral on November 30, 1883, the title being changed to that of Lord Bishop of Zanzibar and Missionary Bishop in East Africa in 1892. By the death of Bishop Smythies the cause of Christian missions in Africa loses a most earnest and devoted servant, and the intelligence of the sad event will be received by the large circle of his friends and admirers in this country with unfeigned sorrow.

The rejoicings for the reopening of the Cathedral at Norwich had a sorrowful prelude in the sudden death of the Hon. John Thomas Pelham, who resigned the Bishopric last year, after an episcopate of thirty-six years. He was son of the second Earl of Chichester, and grandson of the fifth Duke of Leeds. Educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford, he remained till 1852 in a small Norfolk parish. In 1847 he became an Honorary Canon of Norwich and Chaplain to the Queen. In 1852 he took charge of Christ Church, Hampstead, and in 1855 was appointed by Lord Palmerston to the parish of Marylebone. In 1857, on the advice of Lord Shaftesbury, Lord Palmerston nominated him for the Bishopric of Norwich in succession to the father of Dean Stanley. He was a diligent, quiet, gentle, firm and eminently Christian chief pastor, an excellent man of business, absolutely independent and impartial in his administration, an unrivalled chairman, and always courteous, friendly and conciliatory to all. He carried out with unostentatious vigour the reforms begun by Bishop Stanley. A diocesan Church association was formed, rectories and vicarages provided, schools improved and increased, churches restored, and benefices augmented. On every hand were evidences of the Bishop's quiet and unassuming influence, without any assertions of personal rule and preferences. He never swerved from his strict evangelical principles, but to the comparatively slight impression which the extreme type of high Churchmanship made upon his diocese he preserved a complacent and even tender attitude. He was above everything a man of deep personal piety, firmly convinced of the supreme value of evangelical truth, passing his days in contemplation of the unseen world.