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## Obituary.

JAMES ATLAY, 93rd Bishop of Hereford, a kindly and fatherly prelate of the High Church school, was Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, Bell's University Scholar, Senior Optime and First Class Classical Tripos (1840), Fellow of St. John's (1842-59), Curate of Warsop, Notts (1842-46), Vicar of Madingley, Cambridge (1847-52), Whitehall Preacher (1856-58), Vicar of Leeds (1859-68), Canon Residentiary of Ripon (1861-68), Margaret Preacher at Cambridge (1859 and 1887), Select Preacher (1858, '62, '70, '73, and '90), Bishop of Hereford, 1868. The diocese is almost purely agricultural, and has a population of 217,699. It was founded in 676, and the first Bishop was Putta. There are 21 Rural Deaneries, 36 Benefices, 93 Curates, and 97,845 church sittings. The income is £4,200. It is an ideal diocese for one who could, by precept and example, establish peace in every village between Churchmen and Nonconformists.

Miss Frances Mary Buss, who died on Christmas Eve at the age of sixty-seven, was the eldest child and only surviving daughter of the late Mr. R. W. Buss, painter-etcher, and one of the illustrators of the "Pickwick Papers." In 1850 she and her mother opened a school in Camden Town, which was ultimately placed on a public foundation, endowed by the Brewers' and Clothworkers' Companies, and grew into the great educational establishment known as the North London Collegiate and Camden Schools for Girls, with their thousand pupils and their brilliant record of University successes. At one time a third of the members of Girton College were said to have passed through "North London." It may be added that when the Girls' Public Day-school Company began its work of establishing first-grade girls' schools throughout the country the school over which Miss Buss so ably presided was recommended as the model to be studied at the outset by newly appointed head-mistresses. Miss Buss took a prominent part in much other work connected with education, as in the formation of the Head Mistresses' Association, the Teachers' Guild, and the Cambridge training College for Women Teachers, opened in 1886. In 1873 she became a Fellow of the College of Preceptors.

Miss Christina Georgina Rossetti has succumbed to cancer after five months of terrible suffering. She passed away quietly and peacefully in her sixty-fifth year. She was a poet of no mean order, and was a worthy member of the distinguished family of her name. Her poems were often of a very tender and pathetic character, but she could also write excellent verse breathing the spirit of joy and gladness. The devotional element had been conspicuous in Miss Rossetti's earliest poetical works, and it was further exemplified in 1874 by a work exclusively devotional, "Annus Domini: A Prayer for each Day of the Year, founded on a Text of Holy Scripture." But, as the Rev. E. Maclure, of the S.P.C.K., reminds us, one of her latest, largest, and perhaps the most representative of her peculiar genius, is "The Face of the Deep; a Devotional Commentary on the Apocalypse," which was first published in May, 1892. It is not a commentary in any ordinary sense, but a collection of "pearls," in prose and verse, which she discovered in her reading of the Revelation of St. John. —Record.