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all assets, deductions, and necessary outgoings, together with full particulars of local taxation.

In the Archdeaconry of Middlesex Prebendary Villiers gained 162 votes for the vacant proctorship in Convocation, while Prebendary Kitto polled 95. In the Archdeaconry of London the voting was: Prebendary Villiers 99, Prebendary Kitto 91. Prebendary Villiers accordingly secured a majority of 75 votes.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed in Convocation his belief that the Diocese forms the best area for the formation of Associations to distribute the aid under the Voluntary Schools Act.

The Bishops of the Northern Province have appointed a committee to inquire into the question of Fasting Communion, in the light of Church discipline and Church custom.

Upon the motion of Major Rasch, the House of Commons has agreed, by 85 votes to 24, to limit the duration of ordinary members' speeches to a quarter of an hour, and of Front Bench men to an hour.

On Sunday, April 25, a third child was born to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. This is the first girl in the family of the Duke of York, which now consists of two sons and a daughter.

The opposition to the Necessitous Board Schools Bills has completely collapsed. The second reading was carried by 122 votes to 41.

Mr. Athelstan Riley has decided to retire from the London School Board.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

Under the will of the Rev. Rowland Muckleston £10,000 for the poor clergy of the Archdeaconry of Hereford; £2,000 for the Hereford Infirmary; £1,000 for the Eye and Ear Hospital; £1,000 for the Parish Schools, and £1,000 for the poor of the parish of Dynedor.

A gift of £1,000 towards the restoration of Gedney Parish Church, by the Rev. J. W. Bellamy, D.D.

Obituary.

THE Very Rev. Edward Meyrick Goulburn, formerly Dean of Norwich, died at Tunbridge Wells on May 3, from syncope. He was born in 1818, and was the son of Serjeant Goulburn, Q.C. Educated at Eton and Balliol, he took a First in Classics in 1839, and was elected to a Fellowship at Merton in 1841. He was ordained in 1842, and for some time was Vicar of Holywell, Oxford, until 1850. He then became Headmaster of Rugby, in succession to the Dean of Carlisle, afterwards Archbishop Tait, where he remained seven years. He was then appointed Incumbent of Quebec Chapel, and soon afterwards went to St. John's, Paddington. In 1866 he became Dean of Norwich, retiring in 1889 to Tunbridge Wells. He was the author of numerous widely-read books of devotion. Among them may be mentioned "Thoughts on Personal Religion," "The Collects of the Day," "Three Counsels of the Divine Master," etc.