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societies of declarations such as that put forth at the recent meeting of the E.C.U., in terms which may be interpreted to suggest resistance on the part of the clergy to their spiritual rulers. It is also, I think, a matter for surprise and regret that members of the Union should be content to refrain from obtaining definite information from the Council of their Society whether the declaration was not intended to counsel resistance to authority by maintaining the practice of reservation of the Sacrament. Such ambiguity is deplorable, and tends to bring discredit on religion."

BEQUESTS.

Under the will of the late Mr. John Spofforth Dixon, of Hollybank Dibden, Hants, and of South Norwood, who died on July 9, aged 87, the following bequests are made: "The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, £1,000; the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, £1,000; the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, £1,000; the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East, £1,000; the Incorporated Society for the Enlargement and Building of Churches, £1,000; the All Saints' Schools at Upper Norwood, £200; and St. Mark's District Schools, South Norwood, £200.

Obituary.

PREBENDARY GEORGE EDWARD TATE has just died, at Bath, in his eighty-third year. He was a scholar and exhibitioner of St. John's College, Cambridge, and was placed at the bottom of the Wranglers in the Mathematical Tripos of 1841, when Sir George Stokes was Senior Wrangler. He was ordained by Bishop Charles Sumner in the same year to the curacy of Godstone, then in the diocese of Winchester. In 1847 he became curate of Warley, Essex, and in 1849, on the nomination of trustees, he accepted the incumbency of St. Jude, Southwark, which was constituted a vicarage in the following year. He worked there till 1856, when the Simeon's Trustees made him Vicar of Widcombe, Bath, a city with which he maintained his association to the last. In 1871 Lord Arthur Hervey nominated him to the prebendal stall of Taunton, in Wells Cathedral, which he retained till his death. In 1873 he became Rector of Lowestoft, the patronage of which was in the gift of the Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Pelham), and in 1880 he moved to the less exacting parish of Kippington, Sevenoaks, retiring in 1895. His chief claim to notice is the work that he did as senior member and the virtual secretary of the body called the Simeon Trustees. Among his associates in the trust are Professor Moule, Archdeacon Richardson, Prebendary Eardley Wilmot, and Canon Girdlestone. They have rather more than 120 benefices in their gift, in towns such as Cheltenham, Ipswich, and Clifton. Prebendary Tate made it his business to keep his eye on the fit and proper men. "During his Kippington days he would invite them down that he might decide as to their pulpit powers, and his gentle personality saved the ordeal from its apparent unpleasantness. Notwithstanding the care exercised by himself and his colleagues, it need hardly be said that they were sometimes deceived, and that their nominees developed views and adopted practices which Charles Simeon would have regarded with suspicion, if not with horror."—From the *Times*.