

Mr. F. W. Harrison, of Maer Hall, Staffordshire, has given a special donation of £500 to the Chester Diocesan Clergy Pensions Fund.

Obituary.

IT is with a regret that can hardly be put into words that we record the death of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN, who passed away, on the evening of the 22nd,

“To where, beyond these voices, there is peace.”

Honoured by the whole world, loved by the millions of her loyal subjects throughout her mighty Empire, QUEEN VICTORIA has left upon the page of history a name that, while England remains a nation, can never die.

“So a fit silence is her eulogy,
And praise is mute.”

And for the blessing of the Queen's reign, that most memorable of all reigns recorded in human history, the thanks of every Englishman are due to Him from whom cometh every good gift.

The death of the Bishop of London took place on January 14, and the melancholy tidings have evoked much sympathy and deep regret among all sections of the community. During the four years of his London episcopacy he had, by his firmness, his tact, his winning courtesy, and his brilliant qualities both as leader of men and thinker, made a great impression upon people. As a historian he took a very high place indeed among his contemporaries; in fact, Dr. Creighton and Dr. Stubbs (the present Bishop of Oxford) may justly be claimed by the Church of England as among the most distinguished historians of the time. The “History of the Papacy”—his most ambitious work—was never completed; for, unfortunately, the duties of a modern Bishop, above all a Bishop of London, practically allow him no time for literary pursuits. One of Dr. Creighton's last public acts was the summoning of the Round Table Conference; and when the mists of prejudice are cleared up men will remember, with no small admiration for his generous impulse, that Bishop whose love of fair-play, and conciliatory policy, had prompted the undertaking of a noteworthy effort to find a basis of concord among (apparently) antagonistic parties.