

The Memorial Stone Of Henry Drury at St. Martin's

Death of Archdeacon Drury, aged 50.

Obituary

Venerable Archdeacon Drury

Among the many losses which the Diocese of Salisbury has had of late to deplore, none will be more widely or more deeply felt than that of Archdeacon Drury. His oldest and most intimate friends will bewail it most; for few men have so entwined themselves around the hearts of others, and have so grown into the affections of those that knew them best, as he.

A ripe and elegant scholar, he was, without exaggeration we may say it, one of the lights of learning in our age and church. But he was something more. Guileless in his life, warm in his affections, faithful and earnest in his various duties – holy in all his labours for the good of Christ's Church and for the welfare of his fellow men – he was one of those rare characters who live in the world and yet are not of the world. Honours heaped upon him never unduly elated him. Whether as Chaplain to the House of Commons, or as foremost in the estimation both of his Bishop and of his brethren in the diocese, or as preferred to preside over this Archdeaconry, he bore himself with unaffected meekness, with rare wisdom, with a loving spirit.

It has pleased his Heavenly Master to call him hence buy one of those hasty summonses which perplex us with their mystery, and should quicken our zeal in God's service by their awful solemnity. He is gone, full of honour though not of years, and has left behind many a loving heart that will never cease to cherish his memory.

His remains are to be interred in Bremhill churchyard tomorrow at half past one o'clock; and it is expected that a large number of the clergy of the Archdeaconry will attend the funeral.

We extract the following from the last edition of Walford's "Men of the Time":-

"Drury, the Rev Henry, son of a former Head Master of Harrow School, was educated at Harrow and at Caius College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1835. He was for some time Fellow and Classical Lecturer of his College; and in 1843 was appointed to the Rectory of Bremhill, Wilts. In 1855 he was appointed Prebendary of Salisbury Cathedral, and Chaplain to the House of Commons in 1857. He is known in the world of classical scholars as the editor of Aundines Cami."

[We hope to give a more detailed notice in a future paper].

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Proposed Memorial

Many of the friends of the late Archdeacon Drury, both among the clergy and laity, entertain the desire of marking their regard and affection for him, by placing a window of stained glass in the parish Church of Bremhill, the scene of so great a portion of his valuable ministerial services. With this object in view, a subscription has been set on foot, and those who are desirous of erecting a lasting memorial of one who was so great an ornament to the church as the late Venerable Archdeacon, may do so by forwarding their contributions to any of the Rural Deans, or to the Banks of Messrs Pinckney, at Salisbury.

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