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obtain information about Canada or the United States, our chaplain, the Rev. J. Bridger (St. Nicholas Vestry, Liverpool), will be glad to answer any questions, while I shall be pleased to do the same with regard to the Cape or Australasia."

A lecture has been delivered at Sion College by Dr. A. Schofield on "The Clergy as Teachers of Sanitation." The chair was taken by the president of Sion College (the Rev. J. W. Pratt), and there was a large attendance of clergy. Dr. Schofield referred at the outset to the fact that 200,000 needless and premature deaths take place every year, to say nothing of some millions of unnecessary sicknesses. Only about one in eight died really natural deaths, and the premature deaths of at least half the rest were preventable. The spread of hygiene had, however, already greatly lengthened our days. Twenty was the average age in the last century; now it was forty-two for a man and forty-four for a woman. Having cited a number of similar facts to show at once the need and the value of hygienic knowledge, and the remarkable advantages which by their position the clergy enjoyed as teachers of hygiene, the lecturer urged that a committee should be formed to organize special lectures in hygiene for the clergy. A brisk discussion followed, in which the Revs. N. J. Devereux, E. P. Green, H. Williams, J. D. Mullins, J. H. Scott, C. T. Payne, and others, took part.

Obituary.

GENERAL RICHARD CHARLES LAWRENCE, who has lately died at Biarritz, aged seventy-seven, was the youngest and last survivor of the five Lawrence brothers, of Indian fame. Entering the Indian army in 1834, he went through the Sutlej campaign, and was present at the battle of Sobraon (1846). During the war of the Mutiny he greatly distinguished himself, winning the C.B. for his services before Delhi. His principal work, however, was performed under his brothers, Sir Henry and Sir John (afterwards Lord) Lawrence, during the pacification and organization of the Punjab, where the memory of "Deek," as the natives called him, is still held in affectionate reverence. By his marriage (in 1839) with Ellen, daughter of the late Colonel William Youngson, of Bowscar, Cumberland, General Lawrence leaves four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons have retired from the Indian army as colonels; a third is commanding officer of the 1st Dragoon Guards.

Sir Joseph Barnby died lately at his house in St. George's Square. Born in 1838, he became a chorister at York Minster in 1846, and afterwards entered the Royal Academy of Music. From 1863 to 1871 he was organist of St. Andrew's, Wells Street; from 1871 to 1886 he held the same post at St. Anne's, Soho. In 1875 he became precentor and director of musical instruction at Eton, his official connection with the school lasting till, in 1892, he was elected principal of the Guildhall School of Music. That year he also received the honour of knighthood. He had been conductor of the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society since 1872, when he succeeded Gounod. Sir Joseph Barnby has taken a place amongst composers of Church music, and of his other compositions, his "Eton Boating Song" is a universal favourite.