

## THE REV. T. J. PULVERTAFT

The Rev. Thomas John Pulvertaft, whose death at the age of 64 was announced in *The Times* yesterday, was for 13 years vicar of St. Paul's, Kilburn.

A native of Cork, he was a senior scholar of Queen's College, Cork, and graduated in 1887 from the Royal University of Ireland with second-class honours in mental science and political economy. He also took the divinity course at Trinity College, Dublin, and gained the Divinity testimonium in 1891. He was ordained deacon in 1890 and served his only two curacies in the city parishes of St. Thomas's and St. Catherine's, Dublin. In 1894, his health being at the time unsatisfactory, he was appointed chaplain at Seville, and a year later he began his long connexion with the Spanish and Portuguese Church Aid Society, which renders help to the Spanish and Peninsular Reformers. At first he was secretary of the Society for Ireland, but in 1899 he settled in London and became general secretary at headquarters, a position he held until 1918, when he was appointed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners vicar of St. Paul's, Kilburn. For 13 years he did a quiet but effective work in a parish which presented special difficulties, and he was greatly respected by his parishioners.

Although he did not appear much before the public, Mr. Pulvertaft had for some time held an honoured place in the inner councils of Evangelical Churchmanship, and his knowledge of ecclesiastical affairs, his sound judgment, and his acute powers of observation led to his advice and help being widely sought. He was active also in religious journalism. He had for many years been a regular contributor to the *Record* and the *Church of England Newspaper*, and during the last six years he had been intimately associated, in the closest collaboration with the editor, with the conduct of the *Record*. For a long time he had written a weekly London Letter for the *Church of Ireland Gazette*. This came to be recognized as one of the best features of this journal and was widely appreciated for its acute analysis of and outspoken comments on the ecclesiastical position in London. He was also London correspondent of the *Chronicle* of New York and a regular contributor to the *Churchman* (the Evangelical quarterly), and many other publications. He was chairman of the House Committee of the National Club, and for many years had been a member of the council of St. John's Hall, Highbury, and of the World's Evangelical Alliance. A man of wide interests and activities and a lovable personality, he will be greatly missed in many quarters.