

THE WINDFALL FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

A HOPTON GENTLEMAN'S BEQUESTS.

As already announced in these columns, the Church of England is to benefit to a very considerable extent under the will of the late Mr. Alfred Marriott, of 'The Grange, Upper Hopton, near Mirfield. Though the will has not yet been proved, we learn on good authority that the deceased gentleman has left over half a million sterling. He has directed that large amounts shall be placed under the control of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, and the Bishop of London, such sums to be spent in assisting needy parishes and purposes of a similar nature. The greater amount, however, falls to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which is made the residuary legatee. The death duty to be paid is something like £90,000. There are bequests to relatives and a few servants. No local churches are, however, directly benefited under the will. The executors include Mr. T. Chadwick and Mr. J. Chadwick, Dewsbury; and the Rev. F. R. Grenside, Rector of Thornhill, who was formerly at the Hopton Church. They expect to have a meeting in London in a week or ten days, after which the precise amounts of the legacies left by the deceased bachelor will be made known. The death of Mr. Marriott occurred in his 69th year, at his residence, on July 26th. He was well-known in commercial circles in the county, having himself some years ago been connected with a business at Wakefield.