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The Month.

THE consecration of Dr. Welldon, Headmaster of Harrow, as Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India, and Dr. Lyttelton as Bishop of Southampton, took place at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 30. In addition to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London, Winchester, Peterborough, Rochester, Chichester, Bath and Wells, Guildford, and Stepney, and Bishop Johnson, Bishop Welldon's predecessor at Calcutta, took part in the service. Dr. Butler, the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, a former Headmaster at Harrow, who preached the sermon at Dr. Welldon's request, spoke of the friendship from boyhood between India's future Viceroy and future Metropolitan. "May the friendship of these two prove a blessing to the many peoples of India!" Lord Curzon was one of the congregation.

The *London Gazette* of December 13 announces that the Queen has approved the appointment of the Very Rev. W. H. Williams, D.D., Dean of St. Asaph, to be the Lord Bishop of Bangor, in the room of the Right Rev. Daniel Lewis Lloyd, D.D., resigned. In the same number of the *Gazette* we note that the Rev. H. C. G. Moule, D.D., Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, has been appointed to be one of the honorary chaplains to her Majesty.

The Rev. Hastings Rashdall, Fellow of New College, Oxford, has been elected Preacher to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn for five years. He will preach his first sermon in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on January 15 next.

The Rev. C. J. Ball has been reappointed Chaplain of Lincoln's Inn Chapel for one year, and he will preach in the chapel on Sundays when the pulpit is not occupied by the Preacher or by special preachers.

The Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, President of Queen's College, Cambridge, and Hulsean Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, has been appointed as Warburton Lecturer for the four ensuing years, in succession to the Rev. Henry Wace, who has completed his term of office.

The Lord Chancellor has presented the Rev. Canon Cremer, Rector of Keighley, to the important vicarage of Eccles, vacated by the elevation of the Rev. the Hon. Canon Lyttelton to the Episcopate. The Rev. Frederic Daustini Cremer is about fifty years of age.

The Rev. the Hon. Arthur Temple Lyttelton, D.D., who on St. Andrew's Day was consecrated Bishop of Southampton, will succeed Canon Lowe as Provost of St. Nicolas' College, Lancing.

A drawing-room meeting in support of the Hostel of St. Luke, Nottingham Place, W., was held at the Deanery, Winchester, early in December. There was a large attendance of clergy and medical men.

The *Daily Chronicle* says: "Lord Halifax, the President of the English Church Union, is engaged on a very interesting piece of literary work. His lordship, it will be remembered, was the chief mover in an effort made a few years ago to secure closer relations and greater unity between the Anglican and Roman branches of the Church. Various accounts of what took place on this occasion have from time to time found publicity, but hitherto no authentic report has been made. This, however, will be supplied in the work which Lord Halifax is now preparing for publication. The book will contain a summary of the incidents which led to the effort to secure reunion; a report of the meetings which took place between Lord Halifax and the representatives of the Roman Church, and incidentally much light will be thrown upon this unsuccessful attempt."

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., in the course of his recent speech at Bristol, thus referred to the acute controversies which are now going on in the Church of England: "Let us not try to diminish the variety of ritual permitted to the English Church, but let the clergy, who have the power in their hands, take care that in the complexion of the services which they give to their congregations, they consider, not merely the bare letter of the law, not merely the limits within which prosecution is impossible, but also what is best suited to meet the wants, satisfy the tastes, and accord with the traditions of the congregations with whom they are connected. I confess that I look, and I believe the nation looks in this—I hardly like to use the word 'crisis,' but I think it is not too strong—in this crisis of the fortunes of the English Church, to the courage and to the discretion of the Episcopal Bench. To them we have a right to look. They have large powers given to them by ecclesiastical and by civil law, by the law of the Church, and by the law of the State, and I am convinced that the wise, discreet, and courageous use of these powers will tide us over all existing difficulties. But we, the Protestant laity of this country, have also our responsibilities. We are Protestants, and the name is connected with noble associations in the past. It is associated with the reform of doctrine, with the reform of ritual, with the reform of morals. The work done under its banners has done, I think, immeasurable service for intellectual enlightenment and for civil freedom. I gather from speeches that I have heard elsewhere that there are some who suppose that these great results are in danger. Fear not. These results are beyond the touch of time or the effect of circumstances. Our business is not so much to safeguard Protestantism, which is not, and cannot be, within these islands in any danger—our business is to see that no injury happens to the Church to which we belong. Let us see to

it that, in our efforts to maintain Protestant doctrine, in which we believe, we are misled by no panic fear, no narrow pedantry; and that we approach the consideration of topics so vital to the unity of our Church with the charity which ought to exist between its members, with the spirit of enlightenment and comprehension which has always been a characteristic of the English Church, and which, please God, will be its characteristic for ever; that we approach, I say, this question in a spirit which will not endanger these great interests, and which must have for one of its characteristics a broad, a sympathetic, and a tolerant sympathy with the opinions of those even from whom we disagree the most."

The Workmen's Lord's Day Rest Association has issued an address thanking its friends and supporters for the help given in the recent fight before the London County Council against Sunday concerts.

The *Saturday Review* has once more changed hands, and the new editor will be a Tory barrister, Mr. Harold Hodge. What will be of more interest to our readers is that, according to the *St. James's Gazette*, "Church matters will be vigorously treated on the lines of the party which may be described as that of 'Lux Mundi.'"

Lord Kitchener left London for Egypt on December 8. Of the £100,000 he requires for the Establishment of the Gordon College at Khartoum, the entire amount has already been subscribed. With the Sirdar travelled Sir Henry Rawlinson, his aide-de-camp, and Captain Watson. Telegraphing to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Lord Kitchener said: "£100,000 is the minimum on which a college such as I proposed could be started. All that I receive above that sum will add to the efficiency and success of the college." Personally, we are of opinion that the language which should be taught (mainly) in the new college ought to be Arabic.

Lord Ashcombe introduced the question of the formation of a Bishopric for Surrey at a recent meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Dorking Rural Deanery. He said the matter had been brought forward by reason of the great increase of London. He proposed the following resolution:

"That in the event of the formation of the Diocese of Southwark, this meeting of the Rural Deanery hereby expresses its wish to be included in the New Diocese, which it trusts will include nearly the whole or the greater part of the County of Surrey."

Mr. R. Barclay seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, as President of the National Temperance League, has issued, dated from Lambeth Palace, a preliminary invitation to the national and international temperance organizations throughout the world for a "World's Temperance Congress" to be held in London during 1900.

The Committee of the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation, at their fortnightly meeting on December 6, considered forty-one applications from distressed clergymen, their widows, and orphan daughters, and in addition to gifts of clothing in twenty-four cases, made grants amounting to £250.

The London Library was opened on Monday, December 5, after its recent enlargement, by the President (Mr. Leslie Stephen). Lord Wolseley, the Bishop of London, Mr. Lecky, M.P., Sir Courtenay Boyle, Mr. Frederic Harrison, and other well-known men, also took part in the proceedings. In the *Spectator* of December 10 there is an interesting account of the aims and methods of this excellent library, which should be read with the care it deserves.

Canon Barnett suggests in the *Nineteenth Century* (1) that Deans should be abolished, and that Bishops be made Deans, but be still called Bishops; (2) that Canons be made Suffragan Bishops; (3) that the care of Cathedral fabrics be entrusted to County Councils; (4) that County Councils be empowered to suggest to a Cathedral Committee of the Privy Council how Cathedrals may be put to better and more diverse use than at the present time.

Two new painted windows have been erected in the ancient Cathedral of Clonfert. They are the gift of Mr. Thomas Roderic O'Connor, who has given the following reason for his gift: "The two east windows of this Cathedral were presented by Thomas Roderic O'Connor in thankful commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, 1897." Clonfert is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Cathedral in the kingdom. It dates from a period anterior to the advent of St. Augustine, and has been the place of worship in the district for no less than 1,340 years. The Incumbent of the parish, of which the Cathedral is the Parish Church, is asking for £1,000 to complete the work of restoration which has been begun.

The Cretan Thanksgiving Service was held at St. Peter's, Great Windmill Street, on December 6. There was a large and brilliant congregation, including many of the members of the Duke of Westminster's committee, M. Metaxas (Greek Chargé d'Affaires), Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Robert Reid, the Earl of Stamford, the Countess Grosvenor, Lady Sophia Palmer, Lady Lyttelton, and others. Mr. Edwards Atkin acted as Master of the Ceremonies.

The sum of £1,000 was paid into Messrs. Leatham, Tew, and Company's Bank at Wakefield recently, as an anonymous subscription to the fund for enlarging the Wakefield Cathedral, as a memorial of the late Bishop Walsbam How, the first bishop of the diocese. The amount now promised is over £7,500, and the first section of the work will be commenced as soon as a faculty has been obtained.

A meeting of the Executive of the Church Committee for Church Defence and Church Instruction was held in the offices at the Church House on December 2.

Above £3,000 has been subscribed or promised towards a fund for restoring the parish church of Holy Trinity, Hull, one of the historic edifices of the county of York.

CHURCH ARMY.—Fifty of the newly-elected Lord Mayors and Mayors have already promised to preside at meetings in their respective cities and towns in support of the work of the Church Army throughout the

whole country, amongst the outcast and destitute, irrespective of creed or character, and the central committee are hopeful that at least one half of all the heads of municipalities in England and Wales will consent to preside at similar meetings.

IRISH CHURCH MISSIONS.—In 1899 the society will celebrate the jubilee of its existence. The committee have arranged that the celebration shall commence with a week of prayer throughout its mission stations, commencing on January 22. January 16, which has been observed from the society's commencement as a day of special prayer, will be observed as usual, and will serve as a fitting preliminary to the week of prayer.

The publishers of the *Record* have decided to reduce the price of that paper from 4d. to 3d. after January 1, 1899.

SOME NEW BOOKS.

Aspects of Primitive Church Life. By W. BRIGHT, D.D. Longmans. Price 6s.

Catholicism, Roman and Anglican. By Rev. A. M. FAIRBAIRN, D.D. Hodder and Stoughton. 7s. 6d.

England under the Tudors. (Vol. i., Henry VII.) By Dr. WILHELM BUSCH. With Introduction by JAMES GAIRDNER. Innes and Co. 16s.

Bismarck's Reflections and Reminiscences. Edited in English by A. J. BUTLER, M.A. Smith, Elder. 32s.

English Lyrics from Spenser to Milton. Edited by JOHN DENNIS. G. Bell and Sons. 6s. [In the "Endymion" illustrated series.]

Henry VIII. and the English Monasteries. By F. A. GASQUET. (New edition, in one vol.) J. C. Nimmo. 10s. 6d. net.

Roman Society in the Last Century of the Western Empire. By SAMUEL DILL, M.A. Macmillan. 12s. net.

South London. By Sir WALTER BESANT, M.A. Chatto and Windus. 18s.

The Use of Sarum. I. (Sarum Customs). 12s. net.

Whittier's Complete Poetical Works. Oxford Press. 3s. 6d.

W. Wallace's Lectures and Essays on Natural Theology. Edited by the Master of Balliol. Oxford University Press. 12s. 6d.

Velleius Paterculus. Libri duo. Edited by ROBINSON ELLIS, M.A., LL.D. Oxford University Press. 6s.

Religion in Greek Literature. By the Rev. Emeritus-Professor LEWIS CAMPBELL, M.A., LL.D. Longmans. 15s. [The "Gifford" Lectures, 1894-95.]

The first volume of the "Oxford Library of Practical Theology," which Messrs. Longman have undertaken, will, it is hoped, appear early next year. It will be "Religion," by Canon Newbolt. The others will be "Prayer," by the Dean of Chichester; "Baptism," by the Rev. Darwell Stone; "Confirmation," by the Bishop of Vermont; "Holy Matrimony," by Canon Knox Little; "The Holy Communion," by the Rev. F. W. Puller; "The Prayer-Book," by the Rev. Leighton Pullan; and "Religious Ceremonial," by the Rev. F. E. Brightman, Librarian of the Pusey House. As will be seen from the names of the writers, the standpoint from which the subjects will be treated will be distinctively that of the High Church party.