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THE MONTH.

THE Rev. Prebendary Stephens, who has been appointed to the Deanery of Winchester, was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, taking his degree with a first class in the Final Classical Schools in 1862. He was ordained two years later by the Bishop of London to the curacy of Staines, and since 1870 his work has lain in the diocese of Chichester. Mr. Stephens was for three years Vicar of Mid Lavant, and in 1876 he was presented to the Rectory of Woolbeding, which he still holds. His association with Chichester dates from 1872, when he became a lecturer at the Theological College, and in 1875 he was appointed to a non-residential stall in the cathedral. The new dean is the author of "Memorials of the See and Cathedral of Chichester," "Cathedral Chapters considered as Diocesan Councils," and a "History of the Diocese of Chichester." He is better known to the general reader as the biographer of his father-in-law, Dr. Hook, the famous Vicar of Leeds, afterwards Dean of Chichester, and also of Lord Hatherley. In 1872 he published "St. John Chrysostom : his Life and Times," and a few years ago he translated the same Father's "Treatises and Letters." The dean-designate, who represented his diocese in the Lower House of Convocation from 1880 to 1886, is a High Churchman.

The Rev. Charles Gore, who has been appointed to the vacant canonry of Westminster, was educated at Harrow and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he gained a scholarship in 1870. He was placed in the first class in Classical Moderations in 1872, and again in the final school of Literæ Humaniores in 1875, being elected a Fellow of Trinity soon after taking his degree. Mr. Gore engaged in tutorial work at his college from 1876 to 1880, and in the latter year accepted the position of Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College. From 1884 until last year, when considerations of health necessitated his retirement to the small country vicarage of Radley, he was the librarian and Head of the Pusey House at Oxford, and since 1885 he has acted as one of the Bishop of Lincoln's

examining chaplains. The new canon was Select Preacher before his own University in 1882, and subsequently served two terms of office in the same capacity at Cambridge. It is, however, by his writings that Mr. Gore is most widely known. His "Roman Catholic Claims" is a scholarly supplement to Dr. Littledale's more popular work, "Plain Reasons against Joining the Church of Rome," while "The Church and the Ministry" and "Hints for the Study of Theology with a View to Holy Orders," reflect the opinions of the school of thought of which Mr. Gore is a prominent exponent. Mr. Gore was the editor of "Lux Mundi," published in 1890, a volume which caused not less controversy among advanced High Churchmen than in religious circles generally, and was the author of the essays on "The Holy Spirit" and "Inspiration." Three years ago he delivered the Bampton Lectures, choosing for his subject "The Incarnation of the Son of God." With regard to the Old Testament, Mr. Gore represents the opinions of the late Bishop Colenso; in Church doctrine he holds the views of Dr. Pusey and the Bishop of Lincoln.

A royal warrant has been prepared directing letters patent to issue nominating the Rev. Henry Frank Johnson, Rector of Chelmsford and Archdeacon of Essex, to be Bishop Suffragan of Colchester, in succession to the late Dr. Blomfield. The new Bishop was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1858. He was Vicar of High Wych, Herts, from 1862 to 1880, and in the latter year was appointed by the late Bishop Claughton to the Rectory of Chelmsford, succeeding to the Archdeaconry of Essex in 1885. He is a High Churchman.

The Rev. H. Wesley Dennis, Assistant Master at Merchant Taylors School, and Secretary of the Clergy Orphan Corporation, has been appointed Principal of Battersea College, in succession to Canon Evan Daniel. He is a High Churchman.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Venerable Frederic William Farrar, D.D., Canon and Archdeacon of Westminster, to be one of the Deputy Clerks of the Closet in Ordinary to her Majesty, in the room of the Rev. Canon George Prothero, M.A., deceased.

The Rev. Richard Gee, D.D., Vicar of New Windsor, and honorary Canon of St. Alban's, upon whom her Majesty has conferred the vacant canonry of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, was educated at Wadham College, Oxford, taking his degree in 1840. He was ordained in the same year, and from 1844 to 1878 was Vicar of Abbots Langley, Herts. In the latter year he became Vicar of New Windsor, and was at the same time appointed Reader in her Majesty's private chapel in the Castle. Dr. Gee was appointed an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen in 1884, and a Chaplain-in-Ordinary in 1888, and for the last seven years has been Warden of St. Mark's School, Windsor.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the Rev. J. H. J. Ellison, Vicar of St. Gabriel, Pimlico, to succeed Canon Gee as Vicar of Windsor. Mr. Ellison's ministry has been much valued at St. Gabriel's, and he has been conspicuously successful in stirring up the younger clergy to an increased support of the S.P.G. He is son-in-law to the late Archbishop Tait. He will be much missed in London.

The Press Association states that the Rev. Henry Temple, Rector of Oswaldkirk and Honorary Canon of Ripon, has been appointed Canon Residentiary of York, in succession to the late Lord Forester.

A Dalziel (the *Times* special) telegram from Sydney, dated November 29, says: "The Rev. E. A. Anderson, Vicar of St. Paul's, West Maitland, New South Wales, has accepted the Bishopric of Riverina, which was rendered vacant by the death of the Right Rev. Sydney Linton, D.D." Mr. Anderson took his degree at Queens' College, Cambridge, so lately as 1882, and he was ordained in the same year. He went out to Queensland almost immediately. In that colony he was first Vicar of Holy Trinity, Mackay, and afterwards Incumbent of Hughenden, being made an Honorary Canon of North Queensland in 1889. He accepted the New South Wales living which he now vacates in 1891.

The Rev. F. A. P. Shirreff, late Principal of St. John's Divinity School, Lahore, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Rectory of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and he will reside in the parish. Mr. Shirreff is a well-known Urdu and Persian scholar, and will be of great service to the Church Missionary Society with respect to commentaries and versions of the Bible.

We record with sorrow the death of the Rev. Charles Brodrick Scott, D.D., who for twenty-eight years was Headmaster of Westminster School. Dr. Scott took his degree in 1848, when he was Senior Classic and a Wrangler, having previously gained the Pitt Scholarship. He also obtained the Senior Chancellor's Medal, the Le Bas Prize and the Members' Prize. After holding a Fellowship and assistant tutorship at Trinity College, Cambridge, he became Headmaster of Westminster in 1855, a position which he held till 1883. He was appointed a prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1873, and an honorary student of Christ Church, Oxford, in 1875.

The Rev. John Reuben Hill has resigned the Vicarage of Searby-cum-Owmby, in the Diocese of Lincoln, to which he was appointed in 1890, in order to return to missionary work in India in connection with the S.P.G. Mr. Hill goes to Banda, in the North-West Provinces, which station he himself opened in 1873.

In reply to the interpellation of the Bishops of Salonica and Cordova, as well as of the Carlist Senators, the Spanish Minister of Justice has declared that the Government were not able to prevent the consecration of a Spanish Protestant Bishop in the Protestant Temple at Madrid, because the Protestants had fulfilled all the requirements of the law and the Constitution.

The Rev. H. E. Fox, of Durham, has received a cheque for £70 from Uganda as payment for Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture. This makes £700 received in one year for this purpose from the Native Church there.

The Mercers' Company have made a second grant of 250 guineas to the building fund of the Church House.

The Grocers' Company have sent a donation of £50 to the Curates' Augmentation Fund.

The Mercers' Company have voted the sum of 50 guineas to the labour homes work of the Church Army.

The Clergy Orphan Corporation have received a donation of £100 from the Goldsmiths' Company in aid of the work of their schools.