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given therein of Sunday in New York. The book is full of capital illustrations, and altogether is one of the most interesting and instructive books of travel, from its special standpoint, that could be desired.

A Fight for Freedom. By GORDON STABLES, M.D., R.N. Nisbet and Co. Pp. 328. Price 5s.

This popular writer of tales for boys never fails to be entertaining and sensible; and he has, in this story of exciting adventures in Russia, that land of political unrest, provided his readers with a book full of interest from the first page to the last. Some of the results of the hateful political police system are realistically shown.



The Month.

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells has appointed the Rev. James Lunt, Rector of Walcot, Bath, to a prebendal stall in Wells Cathedral.

The Very Rev. Principal Caird, D.D., LL.D., of the Glasgow University, is about to resign that important position, which he has filled for many years. Principal Caird, in his early ministerial days, was considered the most eloquent preacher in the Church of Scotland, as the late Dr. Guthrie was in the Free Church. The late Dean Stanley was of opinion that Dr. Caird was the greatest preacher he ever heard. The retiring Principal is the elder brother of the Master of Balliol. His "Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion," published in 1880, is one of the great works of the century.

There is shortly to be a further extension of the Episcopate in Australia. A new diocese is to be formed, which is to embrace the northern part of the continent, including part of the diocese of Adelaide, which at present runs from south to north through the continent, and the northern part of the diocese of North Queensland. When this is carried out the number of the Australian dioceses will be twenty-four.

The *Manchester Guardian* says: "In regard to the proposed South Yorkshire bishopric, we learn that the Home Secretary, having been approached by the Archbishop of York, consulted with the Marquis of Salisbury, and afterwards informed his Grace that the Government would support the formation of a bishopric for South Yorkshire, and would for this purpose consent to the alienation of £1,000 a year from the income of the see of York. The Government, however, are quite firm in insisting that the income of any new bishopric must reach £3,500 per annum, as provided by the Act of 1878, or £3,000 per annum with a suitable residence. This means the raising of a capital sum of £100,000, which, in view of the cold reception given to the scheme at Sheffield, is regarded as an impossible sum to collect. An alternative suggested by the Government, that in default of carrying out the larger scheme a suffragan bishop should be appointed, meets with little favour in Church circles in Sheffield."

The foundations for the nave of Truro Cathedral have been completed. The building committee, under the presidency of the Bishop of Truro, have decided to continue the work, and to appoint Mr. F. L. Pearson to carry out his late father's designs for the completion of the nave. The west front will be the special memorial to the late Archbishop Benson. The Bishop stated that he intended making a tour through the principal

towns of England during the year in aid of the fund to complete the cathedral. The fund now available is £24,000.

The Bishop of London has accepted the presidency of the Executive Committee of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, Lieutenant-General Lowry, C.B., having been elected chairman. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., has become a vice-president of the society.

An "Oxford Evangelical Settlement" has been established in the parish of Bermondsey. Its first task is to open a medical mission for poor people who cannot afford to call in a doctor.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Shelsley Wash, Worcester, says the *Globe*, has made the important discovery that by certain Acts of Parliament passed between 1806 and 1822, "all small livings and charities under £150 a year" were, on application, exonerated from liability to land tax for ever. His own living was found to be one of these, and he has been relieved from payment of the tax, after being told on the demand-note that no proof of exemption would be accepted except a certificate of redemption. The important point to notice is that redemption has nothing to do with exoneration under the Acts mentioned, which were applied to 2,140 livings and charities. There seems reason to believe that very many of these are illegally assessed to the land tax.

The see of Eastern Equatorial Africa having been divided, Bishop Tucker has issued a charge in which he takes farewell of that portion of the diocese included in the coast districts and the Usagara Mission. The Bishop, it is understood, will retain the episcopal oversight of the Uganda and interior missions.

The third annual Conference of the Scottish Church Society has recently been held at Aberdeen. The proceedings were prefaced by a communion service in the East Parish Church, after which the conference was opened in the West Parish Church Hall. The Very Rev. Dr. A. K. H. Boyd presided. The opening address, on "The Church during the Queen's Reign," was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Sprott, of North Berwick, who strongly advocated reunion with the Church of England.

An earnest appeal is made in this month's *Church Missionary Intelligencer* for men for the diocese of Selkirk, in which Klondyke is situated. Archdeacon Canham, who has spent fifteen years in North-West America, says: "The white population of this part of North-West Canada exceeds that of the native, and the marked indifference, in matters of religion, of the majority of the former as compared with the latter is very sad. Very few attend the services held for them, while the latter all hasten to prayers, both Sundays and week-days, as soon as the summons is given." Bishop Bompas, in his annual letter recently received, remarks: "This is probably the poorest and most ill-supported diocese in the world, though just now almost untold wealth is being exhumed from its soil. The Bishop is now senior Bishop in the Canadian Dominion after the Archbishops."

The Rev. John Talbot Godfrey writes to the *Essex Herald* from Woolverstone Parsonage, Ipswich, as follows: "Would you kindly allow me to make known through your columns that clergy and their wives can be received at the Clergy Rest in this parish without incurring any charges? The 'rest' was founded a few years ago by the late Captain Berners, R.N., and the house stands in his park, which is one of the most beautiful in this part of the country. The air is bracing, and guests are received

for periods not exceeding four weeks. All expenses are defrayed during the visit, as well as travelling expenses from and to Liverpool Street Station, London. Clergymen from East and South London have the first claim, and applications should be addressed to me."

The trustees of the British Museum have decided to discontinue the opening of the exhibition galleries on week-day evenings after the close of this year, as the number of visitors continues to decline; and, instead, to keep them open until 6 p.m. all the year round. The arrangements for opening on Sunday afternoons will not be altered.

The Rev. Dr. H. C. G. Moule has been asked to preach the Church Missionary Society's annual sermon in May next.

Clonfert Cathedral, founded by St. Brendan in 558, has recently undergone a very careful and necessary restoration. At the installation, a few weeks back, of the new Dean of Clonfert, the clergy then assembled inspected the work already carried out, and expressed themselves highly satisfied. To complete the work at least £1,500 will be required, and this ought certainly to be forthcoming, for the fame of Clonfert Cathedral is justly very great. Its doorway is perhaps the most superb of its kind in the kingdom.

A very interesting and valuable experiment is now being made by the Agricultural and Industrial Union. The movement is intended to be far-reaching in its scope, its essential feature consisting in testing a number of methods by which all classes may be supplied with substantial meals, under various conditions, at so low a cost as will lead to the introduction of marked changes in the national system of food distribution. The movement will be carried out by the above-mentioned union, acting in connection with the Commercial Agricultural Co-operative Society and the Meat Agency. As such a movement may operate powerfully on our social system, especially in the case of the poorer classes, our readers will do wisely to write to the organizing secretary of the movement (Mr. D. Tallerman, 187, King's Road, N.W.) for further information on the subject.

APPEALS AND BEQUESTS.

A very earnest appeal comes from the Church of England Scripture Readers' Association, which has met with considerable losses during the past year. Fresh *annual subscribers* are urgently needed.

IRISH SOCIETY.—We are requested to direct the special attention of our readers to the urgent appeal of the above society for an increase in funds to enable it to carry on its work. Reverses have fallen heavily upon the society during Jubilee year. The Primate of Ireland writes: "I desire to bear my testimony to the valuable work of the Irish Society. That society is the faithful servant of the Church of Ireland. It would indeed be an unspeakable blessing, not only to our own communion, but to the unhappy land in general, if the operations of the society could be extended. The heavy air around us would be freshened and purified if thousands more were able to read the Scriptures and to feel the influence of our services. I know no agency so likely to effect this great end as the Irish Society."

BRITISH JEWS SOCIETY.—This society is making an urgent appeal for £2,000. It has at present no reserve fund, and an overdraft from the bank of £1,200. What it wants is a reserve fund of £2,000 from which to draw, to pay the salaries of the missionaries and meet the working expenses from October until January or February, the months during

which little or no money comes to hand, and to be returned at or before the close of the financial year, the last day of April. The treasurer, Mr. R. Cory, has given £50, and has promised to give the last £50 of the first £1,000; and the secretary, who has during his secretariat specially given or obtained from his friends on behalf of the society during the last twenty years £8,000, has promised to give the last £50 of the second £1,000.

The Rev. Thomas Loxham, for forty-seven years Rector of Great Lever, a suburb of Bolton, has given £12,000 for the purpose of building a new church and schools at Rishton Lane, a district which in recent years has become populous.

The Bishop of Peterborough having received under the will of the late Lady Jane Dundas £1,500, to be distributed for the benefit of foreign missions belonging to the Church of England, has disposed of it as follows: Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, £800; Church Missionary Society, £300; Universities' Mission, £100; Zenana Mission, £100; South American Missionary Society, £100; Oxford Mission to Calcutta, £50; and Cambridge Mission to Delhi, £50.

Lord Overton has presented the Dumbarton Y.M.C.A. with a building at a cost of £5,000.

THE SOCIETIES.

CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY.—It is announced by the Church Pastoral Aid Society that the financial statement for the first eight months of the society's year—viz., April 1 to November 30—while showing an increase—mainly due to legacies—on the gross receipts, shows a considerable decline where advance was looked for. As compared with the corresponding period in 1896, donations show a falling off of £339, and the auxiliaries a decrease of £657, while the forward fund has declined from £968 to £306, or a loss this year of £662. The total decrease in income for the period in question is, therefore, £1,659. But against this decrease must be set an increase in subscriptions of £244, in legacies of £1,947, in the Ladies' Union of £101, and in interest of £64, making a total of £2,358, or (subtracting the decrease above noted) a net increase of £699. The society has 822 grants in operation at the present time, and there are 107 approved applications on the list waiting for aid.

LONDON JEWS SOCIETY.—During the past year this society has received a very considerable accession of episcopal patronage. First and foremost, we have to record with pleasure that the Archbishop of Canterbury accepted the office of patron, and the following Archbishops and Bishops have been enrolled amongst its vice-patrons: The Archbishop of Dublin, the Archbishop of Ontario, the Bishops of London, Bristol, Peterborough, Wakefield, Crediton (North and Central Europe), Shrewsbury, Clogher, Cork, Killaloe, Kilmore, Limerick, Meath, Athabasca (Eastern Equatorial Africa), Travancore, and Cochin, and Sierra Leone, the Assistant Bishop of Western Equatorial Africa, Bishops Ingham and Shone.

Y.M.C.A.—The Central London Association, co-operating with the Evangelical Alliance and many Y.M.C.A.'s in various parts of the country in the observance of the universal week of prayer, arranged, from January 3 to 7, a series of mid-day meetings at Aldersgate Street, the Centenary Hall, and Exeter Hall. The speaker at Aldersgate Street was W. R. Lane, Evangelist, who was holding a ten days' mission at the centre; and amongst those who gave addresses at the other meetings were the Revs. H. E. Fox, M.A., W. T. A. Barber, B.D., Chas. Spurgeon, William Pearce (Hampstead), W. E. Burroughs, B.D., F. B. Meyer, B.A., B. J. Gibbon, John Wilson (Woolwich), E. W. Moore, M.A. (Wimbledon),

and G. H. Macgregor, B.D. (Notting Hill). There were good attendances each day. On Wednesday, at the invitation of Sir George Williams, a reception was held at Aldersgate Street in connection with Mr. Lane's mission. A very large number of young men assembled, and the proceedings were marked by many features of interest and encouragement.

MISS WESTON'S WORK.—The Royal Sailors' Rests at Devonport and Portsmouth, under the care of Miss Weston and Miss Wintz, have prospered amazingly during the past year. Miss Weston, in her report just issued, says: "Our number of service men sleeping on the premises during the past year has been 181,700. The receipts taken over counter have been £19,168 9s. 5d.; of these receipts, beds have been £4,514 5s. 9d.; baths, £542 18s. 2d.; billiards, £118 3s. 9d.; parcels, £118 3s. 9d.; the rest refreshments. Our balance-sheets show a surplus of £3,385 14s. 5d., which has been passed to the credit of our reserve account, enabling the trustees to make a special grant to our general funds (used for philanthropic purposes) of £1,229 8s. 4d., and to our building fund of £4,871 6s. In this way all profits accruing are used for the benefit, in some way or other, of the seamen and their families."

A special course of lectures upon English Church History, in connection with the N.P.C.U., will be delivered during February and March at Exeter Hall. The programme is excellently arranged, and among the lecturers chosen may be mentioned the following: Rev. H. J. R. Marston (February 10), Canon McCormick (February 24), Principal Moule (March 10).

NEW BOOKS.

- Sacred Books of the East.* Edited by Prof. MAX MÜLLER. Vol. xliii. The *Salapatha-Brahmana*. Translated by JULIUS EGDELING. Part IV., Books VIII. to X. Oxford: at the Clarendon Press. Price 12s. 6d.
- Texts and Studies.* Edited by Prof. J. ARMITAGE-ROBINSON. Vol. V., No. 2. Clement of Alexandria: *Quis Dives Salvetur*. Cambridge University Press. Price 3s. net.
- The Religious System of China.* Vol. III., Book I., Part III. By Dr. J. J. M. DE GROOT. With numerous plates and illustrations. Leyden. 1898. Price 20 marks.
- Practical Ethics.* By Prof. HENRY SIDGWICK. London: Sonnenschein. 1897. Price 4s. 6d.
- A Vindication of the Bull "Apostolica Curæ":* A Letter on Anglican Orders. By the CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF THE PROVINCE OF WESTMINSTER. London: Longmans. 1898. Price 1s.
- Fragments of the Book of Kings:* According to the translation of Aquila. Edited by F. C. BURKITT, M.A. Cambridge University Press. 1897. Price 10s. 6d. net.
- The Book of the Dead.* Hieroglyphic, text, onomasticon, and translation, together with numerous illustrations. By Dr. WALLIS-BUDGE. London: Kegan Paul. Price £2 10s. net.
- Poems.* By STEPHEN PHILIPS. London: John Lane. 1898. Price 4s. 6d. net.
- Religion and Conscience in Ancient Egypt.* By W. M. FLINDERS PETRIE, D.C.L., LL.D. London: Methuen. 1898. Price 2s. 6d.
- Allegories.* By DEAN FARRAR. London: Longmans. 1898. Price 6s.
- The Origin and Growth of Plato's Logic.* By Prof. LUTOSLAWSKI. London: Longmans. 1897. Price £1 1s. [Discussed with great skill and learning by Prof. Lewis Campbell in the January number of the *Fortnightly Review*.]

Christina Rossetti: A biographical and critical sketch. By MACKENZIE BELL. London: Hurst and Blackett. 1898.

LITERARY NOTES.

Messrs. Morison Brothers announce a book which promises to be replete with interest, "The Book of Glasgow Cathedral."

It is announced that Prof. Max Müller will shortly complete a "History of Ancient Philosophy," upon which he has been working with his usual vigour for some time past.

Messrs. Methuen will publish immediately a new book by Rev. Arthur Wright, entitled "Some New Testament Problems." The same firm announce a new work on "Cranmer," by Canon A. J. Mason.

A district fresh to English holiday-makers, and reached as easily as the Ardennes, will be opened up in "New Walks by the Rhine," by Percy Lindley, whose "Walks in the Ardennes" and "Walks in Holland" did so much to popularize new Belgian and Dutch touring grounds.

 Obituary.

WE regret to record the death of the Rev. Charles Frederick Childe, for nearly twenty years Principal of the Church Missionary College, Islington, and for twenty-six years Rector of Holbrook, Suffolk, who died at Bramleigh, Cheltenham, on his ninetieth birthday. Born in 1807, he was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; and, having graduated in 1832, was ordained the following year to the curacy of St. Michael's, Cambridge. After filling curacies at Harrow-on-the-Hill and Petersfield, and the incumbency of St. Paul's Church, with the Headmastership of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, he was appointed, in 1839, Principal of the Church Missionary College at Islington, which he held till 1858, having also filled the offices of evening lecturer at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and at St. Mary, Islington. In 1858 he was presented to the rectory of Holbrook, near Ipswich, which he resigned in 1884.

We have also to record with regret the death, on December 25, of the Rev. E. W. Kennion, who for many years was Rector of Acle, Norfolk. He had been ill for some time past, and died at Southborough, near Tunbridge Wells. Mr. Kennion, who was in his eighty-second year, graduated at St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1837. He then went to the Bar; but relinquishing the law in 1854, was ordained to the curacy of Alton, Hants, which he held till his appointment to Acle in 1858. Here he did much quiet, useful work, winning the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He resigned the living in 1894. Mr. Kennion was the author of "Unity and Order," which appeared first in 1866, and reached its second edition in 1892. He was an occasional contributor to the pages of *THE CHURCHMAN*.

News of a deeply-distressing kind reaches us from the Uganda mission-field to the effect that one of the most devoted, laborious, and successful of the agents of the Church Missionary Society has been killed—Mr. George Lawrence Pilkington, B.A. His career, though short, has been a brilliant one, whether we regard his University career at Cambridge, his self-sacrificing labours in the African mission-field, or his scholarly industry and enterprise in the translation of the entire Bible into the tongue of the Luganda people.—From the "English Churchman."