

Jingles and Chimes and Nursery Rhymes (Shaw and Co.) is capital.

The Annual of *Bo-Peep* is truly termed a "Treasury for the Little Ones." (Cassell and Co.) A charming volume, amazingly cheap.

Uncle Steve's Locker is, perhaps, the best of "Brenda's" Tales. It is excellent. (Shaw and Co.) We cordially commend also Miss Giberne's *The Earls of the Village*.

The fourth volume of the *Weekly Pulpit* (Elliot Stock) is full of good stuff.



THE MONTH.

THE Bishop of Lincoln has issued an address to the clergy and laity of his diocese on the subject of his prosecution. We insert without comment several extracts. His Lordship says :

(1) Leaving the details to be maintained, if need be, by the lawyers, I believe that the Ornaments Rubric is the law of the Church ; I might say of the Prayer-book, and therefore the law of the land also.

(2) To break any law is, no doubt, a serious thing to a thoughtful person, for law ought to be regarded with a special reverence, as there is in truth but one Lawgiver ; and yet we do not and cannot claim absolute obedience to every detail of human law.

(3) The true way of dealing with such lesser infractions of law would seem to be (i) to endeavour to estimate the danger of the result of such infractions, and (ii) to determine the spirit and intention of the law-breakers.

(4) While thus professing true loyalty to the Crown we are compelled to maintain that the experience of history proves the necessity of the Church preserving her own rights and liberties in her relation to the State ; and this duty certainly has not become less urgent at the present time, when Parliament, representing equally the people of the three United Kingdoms, whatever their religious belief, is no longer composed only of members of the Church of England, but of Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and many Nonconformists ; nay, when the members of our Parliament are no longer required even to be Christians.

(5) Any individual suffering which may arise from this line of thought and action is too insignificant to be mentioned, when our hope is that the people of England may thus be enabled to realize the inestimable blessings which God has provided and preserved for them in the English Church.

One result of recent criticism on the C.M.S. has been an increase of favourable testimony.¹ Mr. Stock's reply to Canon Taylor, as to finance, is excellent.

The result of the London School Board Election is said to be, on the whole, very satisfactory.

The *Guardian* comments on "a very striking sermon preached in Exeter Cathedral (September 30th) by the Rev. W. J. Edmonds, one of its Prebendaries."²

¹ The *Record* (December 14th) says : The Bishop of Chester (Dr. Stubbs), presiding at the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Chester Association of the Church Missionary Society, spoke of the C.M.S. as that dear old society to which they all of them owed all their first interest in missionary work. There never was a time, he proceeded, at which the necessity for missionary exertion was greater than it was now. He did not for a moment believe the assertion which had been made as to the importance of Mohammedanism as offering a stage towards civilizing and Christianizing, and therefore a thing to be winked at or even applauded in its treatment of African nations.

² The *Guardian* says : September 30th is St. Jerome's Day in our Calendar, and some telling sentences are devoted by Mr. Edmonds to the juxtaposition of St. Jerome with St. Michael and All Angels—"the most superhuman of angels, the mightiest in all the hosts of God," and "the most human, the most historical, the most passionate, the most modern of all the Fathers of the Church ;" "the faulty monk next to the flawless archangel." Mr. Edmonds lays out his chief strength, however, upon what he says about the Latin Bible, Jerome's great work, which for a thousand years represented the Word of God to the whole great West of Christendom.