

The Month.

THE consecration of Canon Crozier as Bishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin took place on November 30, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The new bishop is a man of tried energy, ability, and decision of character, and much is expected of him in his new position.

In the Consistorial Court of London, on December 7, Chancellor Tristram gave judgment in two consolidated suits, "The People's Warden and others v. Rev. C. J. Fuller," and the Rev. C. J. Fuller and his Churchwarden's application for a confirmatory faculty in the case of St. Mark's, Marylebone Road. The case was one of ritual innovation; and the Chancellor, in giving judgment, while granting a confirmatory faculty for the new Communion Table, ordered that the Crucifixes and the stations of the Cross should be removed within a month as being illegal.

In view of certain unjust and unkind aspersions recently made in the columns of a Church paper upon the work of the Bishop of Liverpool, Archdeacon Madden very properly reminds the bishop's critics and censors that during his episcopate Dr. Ryle has seen forty-one new churches built in his Diocese, at a cost of over half a million sterling. The number of curates has been nearly doubled, and confirmation candidates have risen from 4,000 to 8,000. There are now 202 mission halls or mission churches in the diocese, and very large sums have been spent on day-schools, and it is because of their confidence in their bishop that the laity of Liverpool have given to Church work so liberally.

The Archdeacon of Essex, Masonic Grand Chaplain, 1896-97, has arranged to act as Chaplain to a special party of Freemasons, who will visit Palestine and Egypt in Mr. Woolrych Perowne's yacht, the s.s. *Midnight Sun*, at the end of January. The Archdeacon hopes that permission may be obtained from the Grand Lodge for a Lodge to be held in Solomon's Quarries, outside the Damascus Gate at Jerusalem.

The late Vicar of Holy Trinity, Marylebone, the Rev. A. J. Robinson, has been the recipient of a handsome testimonial from his old parishioners on his leaving London for his new appointment as Vicar of St. Martin's, at Birmingham. This consisted of a beautifully illuminated address, and a purse for 250 guineas. In the address sympathetic allusion was made to his indefatigable labours during his ministry at Holy Trinity, and to the new parochial hall and Church house, which are due to his initiative, though not as yet completed.

A grant of one hundred guineas has just been received by the National Refuges for Homeless and Destitute Children, 164, Shaftesbury Avenue, from the Corporation of the City of London. This makes £1,445 contributed by the Corporation to these Refuges during the past twenty-one years. The grant benefits also the popular training ships *Arcthusa* and *Chichester*, which are important branches of the society.

The Rev. G. C. Bowring, Chaplain of Oxford Prison, speaking recently at a public meeting in Oxford, said the "Church Army Labour Home

there was of incalculable benefit to prisoners leaving the gaol. He said unhesitatingly it would be a deplorable thing—it was not too strong language to use—if there were not such a home to which they could send the discharged prisoners who really wished to start better.”

A special Masonic service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, December 2nd, to commemorate the bi-centenary of its opening, after reconstruction by Sir C. Wren on December 2, 1697, in thanksgiving for the Peace of Ryswick. Every part of the cathedral was thronged. The Bishop of London preached the sermon, taking for his text, “The house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries.” The collection, which amounted to £1,102, will be devoted towards the raising of £100,000 required for the completion of Wren's work by mosaics. The service concluded with the singing of “God save the Queen.”

All the religious newspapers comment at length on the recent result of the School Board election, and the divergence of opinion is remarkable. The *Guardian* takes up an attitude of dignified resignation, and says, “The overthrow is even more complete upon a close inspection of the polls than it seemed to be at first sight,” and then proceeds to pay a tribute to Mr. Diggle. The moral drawn is that “no good end can be served by reviving the religious question upon the present Board.” The *Record* says: “A body of Churchmen, probably numbering hundreds of thousands, abstained from going to the poll. Some, no doubt, stayed at home because they were told to, but a very much larger number kept away from the poll in sheer disgust. Their attitude was wrong, but no one can feel surprised at it. . . . The real moral of this election is therefore obvious. The polls have disclosed in the most striking way the utter impotence of the aggressive High Church party when an appeal is made to the main body of the people.”

The Rev. George Frederick Head, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead, has withdrawn his previous refusal, and has now accepted the Vicarage of Clifton.

The trustees of Warley, Essex, have presented the living to the Rev. A. H. Tredennick, for several years past Curate of Christ Church, Clifton. He was trained for the ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

An honorary canonry in Peterborough Cathedral, vacant by the death of Canon Cartmell, has been conferred upon the Rev. C. T. Cruttwell, Rector of Kibworth, Leicestershire, who is an accomplished scholar, and the author of several works dealing with classical antiquities. His “Literary History of Early Christianity,” in two large volumes, is a mine of valuable information.

The Rev. W. H. Hornby Steer, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, Senior Curate of St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, has been appointed Vicar of St. Philip's, Lambeth, a parish with a population of nearly 12,000. He was ordained by the late Archbishop Benson in 1886, and was licensed to the Curacy of Christ Church, Tunbridge Wells, where he remained until 1892. He then came as Senior Curate to St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, at the time when the Rev. Prebendary Eardley-Wilmot entered upon his duties there as Vicar. The Rev. W. H. Hornby Steer is a lecturer of the London Diocesan Church Reading Union, and is on the committees of several Church societies.

The Rev. H. J. R. Marston, Rector of Icomb, Gloucestershire, has been offered and has accepted the incumbency of Belgrave Chapel, in succession to the late Rev. Marcus Rainsford. Mr. Marston is a valued contributor to the pages of *THE CHURCHMAN*.

The Evangelical Alliance has again issued its invitation for the Week of Universal Prayer at the commencement of the year (January 2-9, 1898). This annual observance is growingly appreciated in all parts of the world; and it is worthy of note that in the week commencing with the first Sunday in each new year the Christian Churches of the world unite in prayer for the many common objects agreed upon beforehand.

THE QUEEN VICTORIA CLERGY FUND.—The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the draft of a charter of incorporation for the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund. This fund, which was constituted on June 26, 1896, was known until recently as "the Clergy Sustentation Fund" for the two provinces of Canterbury and York.

On November 29, Alderman Sir George Faudel Phillips, the late Lord Mayor, as Treasurer of the Mansion House Relief Fund, made a final remittance of £2,553 to the Central Committee of the Indian Famine Fund, at Calcutta. Thus, the total sum sent to India from the Mansion House amounts to £543,366. The fund, which is now closed, has been in existence nearly eleven months.

The consecration of the Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, as Bishop of Stepney, took place at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 30. The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated, assisted by the Bishops of London, Lichfield, Rochester, St. Albans, Bristol, Marlborough, Southwark, and Colchester. A large congregation was present at the ceremony, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Sandford, Rector of Stoke Newington.

UNITED BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

A meeting of the United Boards of Missions of the Provinces of Canterbury and York has been held at the Church House under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury. There were also present the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Durham, the Bishop of Lichfield, the Bishop of Newcastle, the Bishop of Reading, the Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Royston, Lord Nelson, Lord Stanmore, Sir John H. Kennaway, M.P., Mr. S. Gedge, M.P., Chancellor P. V. Smith, and others. Bishop Selwyn, Secretary of the Canterbury Board, was absent in consequence of serious illness. The meeting had under consideration the "scheme for foreign service" agreed upon by the bishops at their last episcopal meeting. After discussion, the following resolutions were agreed to:

"1. That it is desirable that a council of experienced persons be formed with a view of enrolling in an association a body of clergymen who are willing to serve abroad, if duly invited to do so, and who have in each case the consent of the Bishop of the diocese in which they are benefited or licensed."

"2. That the council be appointed by the United Boards of Missions of Canterbury and York."

"3. That the request for men who belong to the association to work in any diocese abroad must come from the Bishop of such diocese, and be made to the council, who, before inviting any member of the association to undertake work in a diocese abroad, must communicate with his Bishop in England."

"4. That when any man is so selected and appointed to serve abroad, in order that he may be still in touch with the home diocese, it is advisable that his name be printed in the calendar of that diocese as on service abroad."

"5. That the presidents of the two Boards be requested and empowered to nominate a council, consisting of as many men as they think fit, and that such members shall retain their seats for one year."

"6. That the committee of the United Boards be requested to frame and submit to the Board at their next meeting a scheme for the future regulation of the council."

SOME BOOKS OF THE MONTH.

Impressions of South Africa. By J. BRYCE, M.P. Macmillan. Price 14s. net.

Life and Letters of Dean Butler (of Lincoln). Macmillan. Price 12s. 6d. net.

Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. By J. TISSOT. In 2 vols. Sampson Low and Co. Price £6 6s. [A magnificent and sumptuous work.]

Village Sermons. Third Series. By R. W. CHURCH, D.D. Macmillan. Price 6s.

The Book of the Dead. By E. A. WALLIS BUDGE, Litt.D., Text, Translation, and Vocabulary. Kegan Paul. Price £2 10s.

The Ideal Life, and other unpublished addresses. By the late HENRY DRUMMOND. Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6s.

Obituary.

IN MEMORIAM.—CHARLES WELLAND EDMONSTONE.

"DO you know the one man whose ministry I would attend now if I were a layman?" said the writer a few weeks ago, and the answer was, 'The Rev. C. W. Edmonstone.' And now he is gone, that old man of eighty-six, and his death leaves a void which can never be filled up.

"Mr. Edmonstone was Vicar of Christ Church, Crouch End, for twenty-five years. Before that he was Vicar of St. John's, Upper Holloway. Was he a famous preacher? Scarcely. He never filled a church. In his Holloway days men spoke of Mackenzie at St. James's, but not of Edmonstone at St. John's. And yet there are those who could never care for any preaching but his. Those sermons, all written, delivered in a nervous, hesitating style, full of a deep spirituality, had a unique fascination for those who could appreciate them. After delivering a series of addresses on the book of Job, he was begged to deliver them over again. Like Robertson of Brighton, he seldom preached away. Indeed, of oratory he had none. An extempore address was torture to the preacher and hearers. What were his strong points then,—his hold on the affections of those to whom he was ever 'the Apostle,' a term always playfully used of him in the writer's family.

"They were three—reverence, earnestness, and humility.

"1. *Reverence.*—St. John's, when Mr. Edmonstone was Vicar, was far behind even those times in point of ritual or other attractions. The black gown prevailed. The mixed choir did terrible execution in the way of 'services,' such as Jackson's *Te Deum*, etc. On the occasion of the organ being reopened after repairs, the choir of the Chapel Royal came to sing the Psalms; they also treated us to an anthem, which was so utterly out of course that a dear old lady did her conscientious best to