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Home Questions. By Rev. CLEMENT BLAKELOCK. S.P.C.K. Price 1s. Pp. 80.

We can most cordially recommend this unpretending little work as a wedding gift-book, in the words of the preface, "from the clergy and others to old Sunday scholars and servants."

Our Little Ones. By Rev. WALTER SENIOR. Home Words Office. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 69.

This well-got-up little book contains some useful hints and excellent advice to mothers, and will be a valuable help to Mothers' Meetings.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (September) magazines :

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Review of the Churches, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, The Quiver, Cassell's Family Magazine, Good Words, The Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Light and Truth, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, The Parish Helper, Parish Magazine, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Zenana, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart.



THE MONTH.

THE NEW BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

THE Rev. Edward Stuart Talbot, D.D. (says the *Times*), was born in 1844, and is the second son of the late Hon. John Chetwynd Talbot, Q.C., the fourth son of the second Earl Talbot, his mother being the daughter of the first Lord Wharnclyffe. Canon Talbot had a distinguished University career, taking a first class in the Final Classical Schools in 1865, and a first class in the School of Law and Modern History in the following year. On the foundation of Keble College in 1870, he left Christ Church to preside over the new society, and acted as Warden till 1888, when he was appointed by the Crown to succeed Dr. Jayne, the Bishop of Chester, as Vicar of Leeds. The new Bishop has served two terms of office as Select Preacher at Oxford, was a public examiner from 1874 to 1876, and acted as chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury from his translation till 1889. He became an honorary chaplain to the Queen in 1890, and a chaplain-in-ordinary last year, and since 1891 has been an honorary Canon of Ripon. Dr. Talbot contributed an essay on "The Preparation in History for Christ" to *Lux Mundi*. He married in 1870 the Hon. Lavinia Lyttelton, the third daughter of the late Lord Lyttelton. He is a most amiable and self-denying man, a very able and thoughtful preacher, and a devout Christian. He is a High Churchman.

NEW CANON OF CANTERBURY.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. A. J. Mason, D.D., to the canonry in Canterbury Cathedral vacated by the appoint-

ment of Canon Fremantle to the deanery of Ripon. Dr. Mason will leave Allhallows', Barking, in November. The Archbishop intends to provide for the continuance of the mission-work connected with Allhallows. Dr. Mason was a scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, and graduated (eighth classic) in 1872, being elected a Fellow in the following year. He was ordained in 1874 (when he was Hulsean Essayist), and was for three years assistant-tutor of Trinity, for the last two years of that period being perpetual curate of St. Michael's, Cambridge. From 1878 to 1884 he was Canon Missioner of Truro, and afterwards, until 1893, an honorary Canon of that cathedral. Since 1884 Dr. Mason has been Vicar of Allhallows', Barking, which under his direction has been an important centre of home-mission work. He acted as examining chaplain to the Archbishop when his Grace was Bishop of Truro, and to his successor, Bishop Wilkinson, and to the present Bishop (Dr. Gott) until 1893, when he was appointed examining chaplain to the Archbishop and honorary Canon of Canterbury. Dr. Mason was Select Preacher at Oxford from 1892 to 1894. He took the D.D. degree in 1890. He is the author of "The Persecution of Diocletian," "Commentary on Thessalonians and First Epistle of St. Peter" in Bishop Ellicott's "New Testament Commentary for English Readers," "The Faith of the Gospel—a Manual of Christian Doctrine," and "The Relation of Confirmation to Baptism."

"The removal of Dr. Mason from Allhallows', Barking, to a stall at Canterbury," says the *Times*, "gives occasion to notice the remarkable work which he has directed there for nearly twelve years. The parish being very small, and in the gift of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with an endowment in the gross of £2,000 a year (though with very large deductions), suggested the 'maintenance of a small body of clergy, who should not only supply the needs of the parish and parish church, but should also be available for the benefit of the Church at large.' Dr. Mason devoted his income to retaining four assistants, on quasi-fellowships, to reside with him in a house which he obtained on Tower Hill. He thus gave to selected men, who had already shown conspicuous ability in preaching or other work, periods of time for study and advanced training, as well as for conducting by mutual counsel wider operations. Besides providing very complete parochial organisations and a noble restoration of the very interesting church, of which Archbishop Laud was rector, the other work accomplished has been immense. A return made Christmas, 1893, showed that between fifty and sixty full missions, twenty extended courses of historical and theological lectures at Cambridge, St. Paul's, and in many towns much literary work (including Dr. Mason's own important treatises), several prolonged itinerant missions of many weeks, much outdoor preaching, with sermons in many scores of churches, thirty-five full retreats and one hundred and fifty shorter gatherings for clergy and others (of which missions and retreats Wales has had a very full share), as well as many other important works not easy to particularize, have emanated from the little voluntary college of Allhallows', few suspecting whence all this came. Among other leading men who availed themselves of this training, and carried on these works under Dr. Mason, may be named Professor W. E. Collins, the Revs. G. C. Fletcher (Vicar of All Saints', Clapton), W. Bellars (late Vicar of Margate), Cyril Bickersteth, Reginald and James Adderley, Arthur W. Robinson," etc. He is a High Churchman.

NEW VICAR OF THE PARISH CHURCH, LEEDS.

Prebendary Gibson, principal of Wells Theological College, has been appointed to the parish church of Leeds, vacated by Dr. Talbot. The

trustees are High Churchmen, and the Crown has naturally appointed a High Churchman.

NEW VICAR OF ST. GEORGE'S, LEEDS.

The trustees have offered the Vicarage of St. George's, Leeds, to the Rev. John Charles Wright, M.A., Vicar of Ulverston, who has accepted the offer. Mr. Wright was for several years curate and lecturer at the parish church of Bradford, is a graduate of the University of Oxford (formerly postmaster of Merton College), and took a second class in the honours list, both in moderations and in the final public examination in Litt. Hum.

The Rev. H. Hensley Henson, Vicar of Barking and Rural Dean, has been offered by the Marquis of Salisbury the chaplaincy of the Hospital of St. Mary and St. Thomas at Ilford, and he has accepted it. He will resign the Barking living in October, but will retain the position of Rural Dean. He is a High Churchman.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REV. H. E. J. BEVAN

to the Vicarage of Holy Trinity, Chelsea, by Lord Cadogan, is of the happiest omen. As first Vicar of St. Andrew's, Stoke Newington, and Gresham Professor of Divinity, he has been eminently useful and successful. No congregation in London are more enthusiastic about their Vicar than the people of St. Andrew's. They are chiefly educated people belonging to the City and to the professional classes. Mr. Bevan has built the church and parish from the beginning, as well as a vicarage and many institutions. He is a liberal Evangelical, untinged by sacerdotalism, of wide sympathies and reading, and devoted to music. The choir has been a great feature at St. Andrew's; and Mr. Bevan has found at least two hundred and fifty hearty supporters and workers amongst the laymen of the congregation. As a preacher, he is most interesting and original, with a strong fund of humour. His sermons are specially attractive to intelligent men. His Gresham Lectures on the "History of Religions" have been so well attended that many have been unable to get in. It was the same with his Evidential Lectures at Grosvenor House. He has a property of his own in Shropshire, Quatford Castle, and he married a daughter of Viscount Molesworth.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the ninety-first annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, lately issued, it appears that the Society's income for the past year has been sufficient not only to meet current expenditure, but also to more than expunge the remainder of the deficit of 1889-92. The general and special funds amounted to £139,810 8s. 7d., being a decrease of £2,734 7s. 10d.; the sales, however, have realized £93,552 18s. 1d., an advance of £1,812 14s. 2d. The total receipts for 1894 were £233,363 6s. 8d., only £921 12s. 8d. less than in the year preceding. The home issues of Bibles, Testaments, and portions for 1894 were 1,651,566; those distributed abroad reached a total of 2,185,656. The total issues for the year showed an increase of 28,264 copies in whole Bibles. With regard to translation work, the editorial sub-committee have had to deal in some measure with over one hundred versions during the year. The most important work of the Society has been revision of the versions in the languages of India and China. It is hoped that the year 1895 will see the first Pashtu Bible completed for the people of Afghanistan, and that the Malagasy people will be equipped with their first marginal reference Bible, which is now passing through the press at Oxford.