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a suitable Christmas gift either for those who have to teach children or children themselves. The beautiful binding in white and gold is appropriate to the subject.

Stories of the Royal Humane Society. By FRANK MUNDELL. Pp. 160. Price 1s. 6d. Sunday-School Union.

As the population of Great Britain have developed in a small group of islands constantly swept by storms, they have probably become more accustomed to the sea and more adventurous than any other race. Accidents are constantly happening, and the courage of our people never fails to display itself in heroic acts of rescue. Mr. Mundell has collected some of the most striking of these, and presented them in a popular manner to the boys of the day.

The Pirate Slaver. By HARRY COLLINGWOOD. Pp. 384. S.P.C.K.

A thrilling story of British combat against the slave trade on the West African Coast, with evidently familiar knowledge of the conditions and circumstances of such an enterprise.

The Parish District Visiting Book. By the Rev. J. PARRY. Pp. 90. Price 1s. 6d. Allenson.

A convenient book for the records of visits and lists of sick and communicants has long been desired. Mr. Parry, a successful and experienced clergyman in North and East London, where both his parishes have been admirably organized, has provided a very useful and handy companion. There are two pages of excellent guidance, advice, and information for the district visitor or the young clergyman.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (January) 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 Rev. Arthur Frederic Clarke, Vicar of Cockerham, near Garstang, has been appointed by the Bishop of Manchester to the archdeaconry of Lancaster, in succession to the Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, resigned.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has conferred the archdeaconry of Bath, vacant by the death of Archdeacon Browne, who had held the office since 1860, upon the Rev. Hilton Bothamley, Vicar of St. Stephen, Lansdown, Walcot, Bath, and a prebendary in Wells Cathedral. The new Archdeacon took a First Class from Trinity College, Cambridge, in the Theological Tripos in 1861, and was Scholefield and Carus prizeman and Crosse theological scholar of the University.

Church Bells announces the election of four clergymen to newly-created bishoprics in the Protestant Episcopal Church of America: Archdeacon Mott Williams, to the bishopric of Marquette; the Rev. Dr. Satterlee, Rector of Calvary Church, New York, to the bishopric of Washington; the Rev. J. H. Johnson, Rector of Christ Church, Detroit, to the bishopric of Southern Carolina; and the Rev. L. W. Burton, Rector of St. Andrew's, Louisville, Kentucky, to the bishopric of Lexington,

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the following to be Chaplains in Ordinary to Her Majesty: The Rev. Canon Thomas Blundell Hollingshead Blundell, Rector of Halsall, Ormskirk, Lancashire; and the Right Rev. Bishop Selwyn, D.D., late Bishop of Melanesia. The Queen has also been pleased to appoint the following to be Honorary Chaplains to Her Majesty: The Rev. Charles Henry Turner, Rector of St. George's-in-the-East; and the Venerable Archdeacon Walter John Lawrance, Rector of St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

The canonry in Wells Cathedral, vacant by the death of Archdeacon Browne, has been offered by the Bishop of Bath and Wells to Prebendary Ainslie, of Over Stowey, who has accepted it.

Honorary canonries in Ripon Cathedral have been conferred by the Bishop of Ripon on the Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, B.D., Hulsean Professor of Divinity and Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Ripon; and on the Rev. Frederic Daustini Cremer, Rector of Keighley, Yorkshire; on the Rev. J. T. Maguinness, Vicar of St. Luke's, Manningham, Bradford; and on the Rev. John Trower, Vicar of Otley, near Leeds.

The Bishop of London has appointed the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders, Rector of Whitechapel, to the Vicarage of St. Mark, Dalston. It is only in consequence of the ill-health of his wife that Mr. Sanders has felt compelled to give up that important parish, where he has worked with conspicuous blessing for four years. St. Mark's, with two churches, several sets of schools, and many institutions, left in perfect order by Mr. Pilkington, is no less influential a sphere than Whitechapel; but Mr. Sanders would have preferred to continue his work. He was the founder and organizer of the parish of All Saints', Tufnell Park, and in all his labours he has shown a masculine common-sense and power of organization which has brought him to the front rank of London clergymen.

The Rev. Frederic Relton, curate and evening preacher of St. Luke's, Chelsea, has been appointed by the Bishop of London to the living of St. Andrew's, Stoke Newington, in succession to the Rev. Professor Bevan, Rector of Upper Chelsea. Mr. Relton, who hopes to begin work at St. Andrew's on the 26th inst., was educated at Liverpool College and King's College, London (Th. A., 1881, First Class), and was ordained in 1881 by the Bishop of Rochester (Gospel deacon and first in priests examination). He was curate at St. Paul's, Lorrimore Square, under the late Rev. E. F. Alexander, from Christmas, 1881, to Easter, 1883. He was then appointed curate and evening preacher at St. Luke's, Chelsea, where the Sunday evening congregation is one of the largest in London. From 1883 to 1891 he was Wednesday evening lecturer at All Saints', Kensington Park. Mr. Relton has been chairman of the Chelsea public libraries during the building of the Central Library and Kensal Town branch. He promoted the South-West London Polytechnic, and has been a frequent lecturer for the Christian Evidence Society and the

London Diocesan Church Reading Union. He has been selected to preach at Westminster Abbey four times, and at St. Paul's once. He was an examiner in Apologetic Theology (in conjunction with the Rev. Professor Iverach and the Rev. A. J. Harrison) for the Senatus Academicus of the Associated Theological Colleges, British and Colonial, 1893 to 1895. Mr. Relton is the author of "How to Study the Bible" (S.P.C.K.), and numerous articles in the *CHURCHMAN*, *Expository Times*, *Sunday School*, *Economic Review*, *Church Bells*, *Illustrated Church News*, etc.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY IN LONDON IN 1895.

The *National Church* for January says that the collections made in church and chapel on Hospital Sunday last June, the report of which has just been issued, do not prove, as might have been expected, to be the largest recorded. They exceed by very little the total of 1889, and are nearly £400 below that of 1890. They show, however, an advance of £2,407 on 1894, of which £1,801 comes from the increased contributions of the Church: Church of England, £30,329 18s. 6d.; Congregationalists, £1,620 6s. 10d.; Jews, 1,147 2s. 6d.; Presbyterians, £1,121 11s. 9d.; Wesleyans, £1,011 8s. 11d.; Baptists, £916 8s. 1d.; Roman Catholics, £505 18s.; Unitarians, £433 12s. 3d.; Society of Friends, £136 11s. 11d.; Church of Scotland, £114 12s.; Greek Church, £101 6s. 6d.; German Lutheran, £96 12s. 5d.; Foreign Protestants, £90 12s. 11d.; Catholic Apostolic, £77 10s. 3d.; Reformed Episcopal Church, £62 8s. 10d.; Methodists (Welsh Calvinistic), £43 7s. 5d.; Swedenborgians, £26 6s. 3d.; Methodists (United Free Church), £21 18s. 1d.; Methodists (Primitive), £16 1s. 3d.; Free Church of England, £10 1s. 7d.; Moravians, £2 5s.; Methodists (New Connexion), £1; various, £451 14s. 5d.—total, £38,338 15s. 8d. The largest collection is that of St. Michael's, Chester Square—£1,180 10s.; while Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, follows close behind with £1,170 18s. 11d.

Anonymous donations of £1,000 and of £500 have lately been received in aid of the work of the Church Army.

Two sisters have sent to the Missions to Seamen a cheque for £1,000, dated on Christmas Day, towards a Bristol Channel mission steamer.

The Duke of Bedford has offered to give, entirely free of cost, the land necessary to build schools, schoolhouse, playground, and outbuildings, at Battlesden, near his seat at Woburn Abbey, Bedfordshire, and to build the same at his own cost. The gift has been gratefully accepted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Heneage Jebb) on behalf of the parishioners. The gift will save the children of the parishes of Battlesden and Pottsgrove from walking some four miles to Woburn or Hockliffe for scholastic purposes.

A generous offer has been made by a Belfast business man, Mr. Gibson, a jeweller, towards the new cathedral in the city. He has promised £2,000 to provide a new peal of bells for the proposed edifice; and the gift is rendered all the more noteworthy from the fact that Mr. Gibson is not himself a Churchman, but he has always shown himself most generous in the distribution of his money.

Mrs. Warde-Aldam, who recently restored Hooton Pagnell Church at a cost of £6,000, has presented to the same church a set of chimes and clock costing £600.

A parishioner of St. John's, Upper Holloway, has recently bequeathed £2,000, invested in the funds, for the use of the poor; and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Seaver, B.D.) and wardens have been appointed trustees. The Dickenson Trust produces £100 per annum, so that St. John's has now £150 each year for the temporal wants of its poor.

Obituary.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH.

THE Archbishop of Armagh and Lord Primate of Ireland, the Most Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, D.D., has gone to his rest. Dr. Gregg, 110th Archbishop of Armagh, was born in 1834, and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in 1857. He was ordained deacon in that year by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Whately, and began his ministerial life in the diocese of Cork, as curate of Rathcooney. He was appointed, when only twenty-five years of age, to the important incumbency of Christ Church, Belfast, where he made his mark at once as an active and business-like city clergyman. On the elevation of his father, Dr. John Gregg, to the see of Cork, in 1862, he returned to that diocese as domestic chaplain to the Bishop and as incumbent of Frankfield. Here he laboured for twelve years, being promoted successively to the rectory of Carrigrohane and the deanery of Cork. In 1875, on the death of Bishop O'Brien, he was selected to fill the vacant see of Ossory, Ferns, and Leighlin. Without the learning or intellectual power of Dr. O'Brien, he was yet well qualified in other respects for the duties to which he was called. The Church of Ireland had been disestablished but a few years before, and it was all-important that the new bishops should possess the confidence of the laity. This Dr. Gregg had gained in Cork, and he was already well known in the General Synod as a prudent, patient, honourable man, without extreme views of any kind, who could be trusted to rule his clergy with impartiality. And his work as Bishop of Ossory was so energetically and successfully performed that when his father died in 1878 he was recalled to Cork to preside over the diocese in which he had spent the greater part of his ministerial life. It is as Bishop of Cork that he will be best remembered. An excellent financier and a man of great common-sense, he did good service to the Church in the South of Ireland. He was not an eloquent preacher, nor did he leave behind him any published work, save a short memoir of his father; but he devoted his life to the punctual discharge of the ordinary duties of his episcopate. And thus, when the Primacy of All Ireland became vacant by the death of Dr. Knox, in 1893, he was elected by the Bench of Bishops to the Archbishopric of Armagh. The choice was of itself a witness to his high personal character, and to the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him best; and during the years that he was Primate he filled the Chair of St. Patrick with dignity and discretion.

A correspondent of the *Times*, speaking of him, said: "Widespread regret has been caused in the united dioceses of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross by the death of the Primate. Thirty of the thirty-eight years which he served in the ministry were spent in this diocese, where he was exceedingly popular amongst all religious denominations. By direction of the mayor, Sir John Scott, the municipal flags were, on the receipt of the news, hoisted half-mast, and the church bells were tolled. In all the churches touching references were made to his career and the loss the Church has sustained through his death. Bishop Meade