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The Month.

WE regret to state that the Bishop of Bangor (Dr. Lloyd), the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Stubbs), and the Bishop of Peterborough have been far from well during the past month. The latest reports, however, are reassuring in the case of the last two prelates, but the Bishop of Bangor's condition is still unsatisfactory.

Canon Ainger, Master of the Temple, who is now in residence at Bristol Cathedral, has been elected to an honorary Fellowship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Canon Ainger will return to London from Clifton on April 1, and his next sermon in the Temple Church is to be preached at the morning service on Palm Sunday.

Lord Norton has again raised the question of a bishopric for Birmingham in a set of proposals just issued, and has drafted a Bill embodying his views.

The Rev. G. F. Head, who for about thirteen years has been Vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead, and has now accepted the post of Vicar of Clifton, near Bristol, was presented, as a parting gift, with a cheque for £350 and a valuable clock, at a crowded meeting of members of the congregation, held in Bickersteth Memorial Hall, Hampstead.

Early last month the Rev. G. F. Head was instituted to the living of Clifton, Bristol, by the Bishop of Bristol, assisted by the Archdeacon of Bristol and the Rev. Prebendary Tate (senior member of the Simeon Trustees). A large number of the local clergy were present, including Bishop Marsden and Canons Wallace, Mather, and Alfold. The Bishop delivered an address, in the course of which he urged his hearers to take their new Vicar's course, "and follow him, one and all, with full and perfect loyalty."

An analysis of the Advent Ordinations shows that out of 545 men ordained, 232 received deacons' orders, and 313 priests' orders. This is a decrease as compared with 557 (231 deacons, 326 priests) last year. Of these 545, only 59 per cent. were Oxford or Cambridge graduates.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided recently at the annual meeting of the Canterbury Diocesan Education Society, which was held in the Granville Hall, Ramsgate, and was very largely attended. In moving the adoption of the annual report, his Grace commented on the fact that out of about 450 churches in the diocese only some 240 had taken collections on behalf of the association during the year.

Judicious and well-considered plans for increasing facilities for spreading good, wholesome food for the great bulk of our people, whether in city, town, or country, are worthy of our best attention and support, and with a view to this very desirable object the Agricultural Organizing Agency has been for some time arranged for the provision of substantial, savoury, and palatable meals for the general public at a nominal rate, and the result thus far arrived at borders upon the marvellous, and makes clear the benefits derivable from a systematic course of procedure. Family meals, composed of seven pounds of solid food—meat, cereals, and vegetables—may be provided for one shilling. These are amply sufficient for a man, his wife, and four or five children. The credit of this useful and much-needed work is due in the first instance to D. Tallerman, Esq., K.F.J., and if any of our readers desire to know how to get most

excellent quantities for home consumption or philanthropic purposes they should write to him at 20, Great St. Helen's, London, for further information thereon. A Berkshire vicar is organizing a system of distribution thereof among the poor of his parish, and this system will be a boon to thousands, and as the Rev. Prebendary Harry Jones (who has tried the dishes) says truly and humorously, "I look on your family meals as calculated to become very beneficial to eaters in general who have more appetite beneath their waistcoat-pockets than money in them, and from all I know of man and his food I heartily wish you success."

In view of the somewhat reserved attitude assumed by many of the bishops, both in the northern and southern provinces, towards the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the support extended to it by the Bishop of Ripon, who has promised to speak on its behalf at the annual meeting, is especially valuable.

THE S.P.C.K.—The bicentenary of the society is announced to take place on the 8th prox., when the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach (at 11) at St. Paul's Cathedral, and a further meeting will be held (at 3) in the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor presiding.

It is now definitely announced that a life of the late Canon Elwyn is in preparation. It will probably be issued sometime during the present year.

On Tuesday, February 1, the Dean of Norwich opened a new hall at the Ipswich Social Settlement. Wholesome recreations, intellectual enlightenment, and the elevating companionship of cultured men are the special aims of this settlement; and the Sunday evening evangelistic services, illustrated by the lantern, succeed in drawing several hundreds of working men who attend neither church nor chapel. Such efforts to reach the lapsed classes, so long as they rest on a definitely Christian basis, and are kept free from sectarian and political bias, must exercise a profound and elevating influence on those numerous toilers in our cities from whose lives religious influences have almost wholly disappeared. The hall which the Dean opened is the gift of Mr. D. Ford Goddard, M.P., a generous donor to the settlement, to whom indeed the institution owes its inception. The present warden of the settlement is Mr. D. M. Panton, B.A., of Caius College, Cambridge.

The Rev. J. E. Padfield (C.M.S.) has just been appointed lecturer on Hinduism in connection with the James Long Lecture Fund; he is prepared to give courses of lectures on the subject both in London and the country. For the benefit of incumbents, we may state that no expense is incurred in securing Mr. Padfield's services, as the Fund pays all costs.

A memorial, signed by over 2,000 beneficed clergy, has been presented to the Prime Minister. It urges upon the Government that tithe-rent charge should be made exempt from rates for local purposes. The memorial has been acknowledged by Lord Salisbury, who says that, until the Chancellor of the Exchequer presents his budget to the House of Commons, nothing can be done.

The Rev. J. C. Hoare, Trinity College, Cambridge, for twenty-one years principal of the C.M.S. Training College, Ningpo, China, was the principal speaker at Canon Christopher's annual missionary breakfast at the Clarendon Hotel, Oxford, on Saturday, February 12. The continued interest in these gatherings, of which the present is the twenty-second,

was shown by the large attendance of senior and junior members of the University, the local clergy and ministers, and leading citizens, the company altogether numbering 326. Canon Christopher presided.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—A circular letter has been issued by the lay secretary of the C.M.S. (Mr. D. Marshall Lang) stating how the finances of the society stood at the close of December last: "The total income actually received for the nine months of the year was £130,396, being an increase on the previous year of £5,860. Of this amount, however, £9,615 was derived from donations to wipe out the deficit of the year 1896-97. The free income received for the current year was, therefore, only £120,781, including £20,703 of appropriated and 'Three Years' Enterprise' contributions, which are not available for general purposes. Turning to the expenditure, that showed at December 31 a total of £230,755, against £224,026 last year, the increase being of course the result of the enlarged operations of the society. In accordance with the usual custom the committee prepared in November last a very careful statement of the probable financial needs of the society to the close of the current year, which showed that the net estimated expenditure would probably be £311,214; and that £26,719, over and above the available income of last year, would be required if the current year is to close without a deficit. To secure that increased income there must be constant prayer and work during the two remaining months of this financial year. May we, then, earnestly ask the friends of the society to use every effort, so that the expenditure of this, our second jubilee year, shall be covered by its income, and that the Lord's work be not hindered?" The *Record* is authorized to say that the statement of the *English Churchman* that "the C.M.S. annual sermon will this year be preached at St. Paul's Cathedral," is absolutely untrue. Dr. Handley Moule will preach the annual sermon in St. Bride's. "The C.M.S. is making plans for the due celebration of its centenary next year. It is only right that there should be a sermon at St. Paul's, and we believe that the cathedral authorities have now assented to such a service being held. The Archbishop of Canterbury has, it is understood, promised to preach the sermon."

APPEALS AND BEQUESTS.

Many newspapers have announced that under the will of the late Rev. E. N. Pochin the Bible Society will receive a sum of not less than £80,000. As the widow, two sons, and daughter were passed over in the will, the committee have, after most careful examination into all the circumstances, and under legal advice, felt it their duty to undertake to relinquish for the benefit of the family half whatever sum the Society may eventually receive under the will.

Owing to the limited space afforded, both in the matter of dormitory and class-room accommodation, at St. Mary's Hall, Kemp Town, Brighton, and impressed with the necessity for furnishing such necessary accommodation with a view to meeting the growing needs of the school, the trustees are appealing for funds towards making the requisite alterations and enlargements. £2,000 is asked for, and of this £600 has been promised already. The school was originally opened in 1836. It has more than justified its existence during the past sixty years as an excellent training home for the daughters of the poorer clergy throughout England, and it deserves liberal help at this juncture. Contributions may be paid in to Messrs. Barclay, Bevan and Co., Union Bank, Brighton.

Mr. Gladstone has promised £1,000, and his son, Rev. Stephen Gladstone, £500, towards building a new church for the populous district of Shotton, Hawarden.

Mrs. Carus, widow of the late Canon Carus, has given £1,500 towards the St. John's Church (Boscombe) new vicarage building fund, in memory of her late husband.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS.

- The Psalms, in three collections.* Translated, with notes, by E. G. KING, D.D. Part I. With preface by the Bishop of Durham. Cambridge: Deighton, Bell.
- Religious Pamphlets.* Selected and arranged by Rev. P. DEARMER, M.A. (The Parchment Library.) London: 1898. Kegan Paul.
- Pausanias' Description of Greece.* Translated with a commentary by J. G. FRAZER, M.A., LL.D. In six volumes; 8vo. London: 1898. Macmillan and Co. Price £6 6s. net.
- For the Religion.* Being the Records of Blaise de Bernauld. By HAMILTON DRUMMOND. London: 1898. Smith, Elder. Price 6s.
- The Decian Persecution.* Being the Hulsean Prize Essay for 1896. By J. A. GREGG, B.A. London and Edinburgh: 1897. Blackwood. Price 6s.
- The Book of the Twelve Prophets.* Vol. ii. By G. A. SMITH, D.D., LL.D. (Expositor's Bible.) New edition. Hodder and Stoughton.
- Hora Novissima.* A new metrical version of the Rhythm of Bernard de Morlaix. By C. LAWRENCE FORD. London: Houlston and Sons. Price 1s. 6d. net.

Obituary.

THE death of the Rev. Dr. Moulton, which took place early in February, removes yet another member of the New Testament Revision Committee. A fortnight earlier Dr. Samuel Newth, also a member of the same Committee, was removed by death. Both Drs. Moulton and Newth were noticeable representatives of the Free Churches at all the meetings of the Revision Committee.

Dr. Moulton is chiefly known to scholars by his elaborate edition of Winer's Grammar of New Testament Greek, which is a standard work. But his claims upon the gratitude of all Christian students are considerable, apart from this book.

Cambridge sustains a real loss by the death of Bishop Selwyn, who expired at Pau, in the South of France, on February 12. The deceased, the Right Rev. John Richardson Selwyn, was the son of the late Bishop of Lichfield, and was born in 1845. After curacies at St. Alrewas, Staffordshire, and St. George, Wolverhampton, he became Vicar of the latter parish in 1871. The following year he entered upon the Melanesia Mission, and in 1877 he succeeded Bishop Patteson, the first Bishop of Melanesia (murdered in 1871), but retired from the see in 1891, when he was appointed Hon. Chaplain to the Queen. In 1893 Dr. Selwyn succeeded the Hon. A. T. Lyttelton as Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

We have to announce with sincere regret the unexpected death of the Rev. Dr. Hole, Vicar of Christ Church, Worthing, after only a few days' illness. The deceased, who had reached an advanced age, had a long and active ministerial career, both at home and in the colonies.