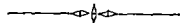


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Anything like a review of this volume is unnecessary. The title-page speaks for itself. Whatever Dean Davidson does he does well.



THE MONTH.

THE Queen's Bench (the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Manisty; Baron Pollock dissenting) have decided against the Bishop of London in the St. Paul's Reredos case, and have directed a *mandamus* to issue calling upon him to reconsider the complaint made to him under the Public Worship Regulation Act.¹

The *Guardian*, reverting to a passage in Baron Pollock's judgment, says :

So far, however, as the case has yet gone, we have the Judge who thinks that the *mandamus* ought not to be granted holding that if a Bishop were to refuse to transmit a particular representation on the ground that the adjudication upon any representation was an evil, the Queen's Bench ought to treat his decision as nugatory. Upon this the *Record* observes that "it is not too much to say that if the so-called 'reasons' which have been filed in more than one well-known case as a justification for the use of the veto had been judged by Baron Pollock's rule they must have been condemned;" and though we do not share the satisfaction with which our contemporary regards this conclusion we cannot deny that it is sound.

The Bishop of Lincoln, it appears, has determined not to appeal.

The Archdeacon of Warrington (Ven. W. Lefroy), we note with pleasure, has been appointed to the Deanery of Norwich, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Goulbourn.

The Central Council of Diocesan Conferences has laid stress on the necessity of Tithe Legislation without further delay.

We record with regret the resignation² of the Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, the able and devoted Headmaster of the South Eastern College. The Rev. E. H. Askwith, appointed by the Council (Dean of Canterbury, President) to the vacant post, was most strongly recommended; and we are confident that the College will flourish under his care.

The new Canon of Llandaff, the Rev. Griffith Roberts, Rector of Dowlais, intends to resign his living, in order to devote the whole of his time to the duties of Diocesan Missioner.

¹ In a very able article (with which we entirely agree) the *Record* says: "The gravity and importance of the recent judgments, whatever is the sequel, seems to us to be the heavy blow which all the Judges, and not least Baron Pollock who was he dissentient Judge, have delivered against the Episcopal veto. Hitherto it has been generally supposed, and certainly the Bishops have acted on this view, that a Bishop has absolute power under the Public Worship Act to prevent a prosecution, and that his reasons might be as unsatisfactory and illusory as possible, and might in fact be a mere mockery of the complainant without there being any remedy. In a word, it was supposed that the discretion of the Bishop was absolute and unassailable. All three of the Judges distinctly repudiate this notion."

² The official circular says: "That resignation was accepted with regret by the Council, who feel that they owe to Mr. d'Auquier a deep debt of gratitude for the energy with which he has during the last ten years built up the College, from very small beginnings to its present important and recognised position. In selecting a successor, their choice has fallen upon the Rev. E. H. Askwith, a former scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, and tenth Wrangler of his year, and now a master in Westminster School. . . . The Council are satisfied that Mr. Askwith will carry on the religious teaching of the College on the lines which the promoters had in view in founding the School."