

The Anglican Church Magazine is chiefly occupied with the report of the Conference of English Chaplains held at Geneva last May.

In *The Church Missionary Intelligencer* there is a further valuable instalment of "Letters and Journals from Uganda." The letters are from the Uganda martyrs. A critical examination of Professor Max Müller's "Anthropological Religion," Canon McCormick's "Anniversary Sermon," and Mr. Oates' "Address to the Manchester Clergy."

The Boy's Own Paper has some capital articles on "Dogs," "Electrical Bells," "Brass-rubbing," "Shakespeare's Country," "Rhinoceros Hunting," and "Boy Life in Australia."

In *The Girl's Own Paper* Miss Tytler tells us about Caroline of Anspach, and there is a pretty sonnet to Princess May by Lady William Lennox.

The summer numbers of these two popular magazines both contain much of bright and interesting reading.

The frontispiece in *Little Folks* this month is extremely pretty.

The Church Monthly has illustrated papers on the Royal Wedding, the new Bishop of Norwich and St. Lawrence, Thanet.

We have also received *Home Words*, *The Day of Days*, *Hand and Heart* (which has again some interesting wedding illustrations), *The News*, *The Church Worker*, *The Evangelical Churchman* (Toronto), *The Christian Times*, *Friendly Greetings*, *The Cottager and Artisan*, *Light in the Home*, *Bible Society's Monthly Reporter*, *The Church Missionary Gleaner*, *New and Old*, *Awake*, *Open Doors*, *The Dawn of Day*, *The Parish Magazine*, *The Child's Pictorial*, *The Child's Companion*, *The Children's World*, *Our Little Dots*, *The Boy's and Girl's Companion*.

The new 1d. biographies of the R.T.S. are "Susannah Wesley" and "John Macgregor," and the new 1d. stories are "Pocahontas" and "Little Ruby's Curl."

The Protestant Alliance sends a pamphlet on "Papal Rule in Canada and Knights in Malta."

THE MONTH.

NOTICE should be taken of Lord Salisbury's words in Parliament recently on the action of the Education Department. Addressing himself directly to the Earl of Kimberley, he said that "the noble Earl knew very well if he treated Mussulmans as he was now treating Church-people there would be bloodshed in India before long." The powers of the Department, he boldly went on, had fallen into the hands of a Vice-President with strong antipathy to voluntary schools, which he was causing to be felt in every part of the country. The clergy, particularly in the rural districts, can amply corroborate Lord Salisbury's charge. But until Churchmen make their power felt there is little hope of redress.

Another valuable utterance has been given by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was at his Diocesan Conference at Canterbury:

There is very little attempt to depart in any quarter from the true and sound use of the Church. There is an enormous difference between the Church of England and the Church of Rome in the matter of services. A large part of the work of the Reformation was directed to making the services of the Church simpler, and within the comprehension and interest of every single member of the congregation; there can be nothing more

wrong in theory, and more foolish in act, and more untrue in principle, and more certain to bring a recompense of alienation, than to take customs which are not existent among ourselves to imitate them from any other Church and introduce them into the ritual of our Church. There is nothing more rebellious against the honour and rights of the Church, and at the same time more unpractical and more sure to produce an indignation which will alienate our best and soundest laymen.

At the thirty-fourth anniversary of the English Church Union Viscount Halifax said that during the year they had added 3,082 new members to their roll, and they had now 34,761 names on the books, of whom 4,200 were in holy orders. "Those numbers might be largely increased with a little trouble, and in view of future eventualities I trust we shall be able to announce such an increase next year. Four members of our body have been raised to the Episcopate during the current year, which lifts the number of the Episcopal members of the Union to twenty-nine. One member of our council, the Rev. Richard Temple West, a name well known and dear to us all, has been removed by death."

At the recent anniversary meeting of the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation, of which Dr. Turtle Pigott has been for many years the indefatigable, sympathetic, and most successful secretary, the chairman, Archdeacon Farrar, referred to the condition of many of the clergy as being serious in the extreme. He had gathered some statistics on the subject, and it appeared that 400 of the clergy were receiving less than £50 a year each; 3,500 less than £100 a year; 7,000 less than £130; and 7,000 incumbents and curates less than £300. That meant that out of the 26,000 clergymen no fewer than 17,900 were receiving less than £300 a year each. It was a hopeless task for a clergyman to attempt to maintain a household and educate sons on £300 a year. Those of them who tried it found "the iron would enter into their souls." The Archdeacon of London seconded the resolution, and the report was adopted.

The Bishop of London's recent appointment to the important East End parish of Bromley St. Leonard, vacated by the death of the late Prebendary How, has given great satisfaction to many.

The Rev. John Parry accomplished a successful work in Canonbury. His eloquent and forcible preaching, backed up by earnest and careful work, gathered round him a large and attached congregation. He leaves St. Stephen's the richer also by a fine vicarage, an endowment of £100 a year, and large and commodious church-rooms. Altogether in his five years and a half of service he has raised over £10,000, besides increasing in a remarkable manner Church work in all its branches. The parish of Bromley-by-Bow may well be congratulated on his appointment. Mr. Parry, it is believed, will display the same high qualities and achieve as great success in the larger and more important post to which the Bishop has appointed him as in his late parish in North London.

Many will be the regrets, both in and out of the parish, when it is known that the Rev. W. Hay Chapman has been compelled by ill-

health to resign the rectory of All Souls', Langham Place, where he has laboured with much acceptance since 1887. Mr. Chapman has sent a letter to his parishioners in which he tells the reason of his resignation in almost pathetic terms. His health, for some time past, has been uncertain, and for the last two years he has been considerably tried by not being able to take his full share of work. At the beginning of this year he quite hoped that he should be able to continue at his post without difficulty, but a sudden and very unlooked-for breakdown in January laid him entirely aside. After conferring with his most trusted medical friends he determined to consult the physician whom they considered best qualified to advise him, and to abide by his decision. The opinion he received was to the effect that his health was liable to get worse under much wear and tear; but that if he were content to fill a post of a less arduous character, he might still look forward to doing plenty of useful work.

The new Rector of All Souls', Langham Place, the Rev. Johnston Hamilton Acheson, Rector of St. Peter's, Chester, and Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral, is well-known and highly esteemed in the north-west of England, where he has been labouring since 1860. He was for two years curate of Liverpool and chaplain of the reformatory ship *Akbar*. In 1862 he was appointed Vicar of Upton, Cheshire. He has held his present living since 1873. His appointment to an honorary canonry in 1890 was a graceful recognition of his work in the diocese, and was warmly appreciated by his people. Canon Acheson will be a useful accession to the ranks of evangelical clergy in London. He is well known at Salisbury Square, and will add strength to the committee. He will, it is believed, quickly win his way to the hearts of his people.—*Record*.



Obituary.

JOSIAH BATEMAN died in May, at the age of ninety-two. He was the son-in-law and biographer of Bishop Wilson, of Calcutta. He took his degree at Queen's College, Cambridge, in 1828, and was subsequently Curate of Burslem, and of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, East Indian Chaplain, Vicar of Marlborough, Vicar of Huddersfield, Rector of North Cray, Vicar of Margate, and, finally, from 1873 till his death, Rector of Southchurch, Essex. From 1863 he was an honorary Canon of Canterbury. He was a powerful and popular preacher and writer, a diligent visitor and organizer, an exemplary father, cheerful and genial in society, with a keen sense of humour. His latest work was "Clerical Reminiscences."

Noticing the death of the Rev. Charles Pritchard, D.D., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., the Savilian Professor of Astronomy, the *Times* says: In spite of serious illness of long duration, he paid his