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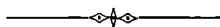
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MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (July) magazines :

The Religious Review of Reviews, 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, South American Missionary Magazine, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, The Child's Pictorial, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, On Service, Church and People, Dawn of Day, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart, the last three being midsummer volumes.



The Month.



GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

THE Church Missionary Society has received an anonymous benefaction of £2,000. The society has decided to send out another party of missionaries to Uganda at the end of August. Amongst those going out, in addition to the Rev. G. K. Baskerville and Mr. G. L. Pilkington, who are returning after a visit to England, are the Rev. Beresford E. Wigram, curate of Tonbridge; the Rev. H. Clayton, assistant-missioner of the Pembroke College, Cambridge, Mission in Walworth; the Rev. H. W. Weatherhead, curate of St. George's, Tufnell Park; the Rev. H. W. Tegart and Mr. A. Whitehouse, of the Church Missionary College, Islington; and Dr. A. R. Cook, a nephew of the Bishop of Exeter.

The late Mr. John Hughes, of Liverpool, an esteemed Welshman, has bequeathed a sum of £5,000 in augmentation of the incomes of poor clergy in North Wales.

The committee of the Additional Curates Society have received anonymously a donation of £5,000. This sum is sent as a contribution to the new quinquennial fund, which has recently been opened by the committee for the purpose of enabling help to be given to a number of needy parishes at present unaided, without involving any risk to the stability of the society's existing operations. The recent anonymous gift will make it possible for new grants to be given to the extent of £1,000 a year for the next five years.

Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode has promised a donation of £250, and Mr. F. A. White a donation of £200, towards the building-fund of the Church House.

A member of the House of Laymen of the Province of Canterbury has promised a donation of £500 to the Church House. This is in response to the offer made by a member of the York House of Laymen to give the sum of £500, provided that £4,500 is raised within a year.

The Bishop of Liverpool's Sustentation Fund, which was established

with the object of raising the incomes of poor incumbents to £300 a year where the population was 5,000 or more, and to £250 a year where the population was under that figure, has now been in operation five years. The result has been a steady increase in the incomes of such clergy. In 1892 grants were made to bring the incomes to a *minimum* of £235 in the case of the more populous districts, and £200 in the other instances. In 1893 the respective figures were increased to £250 and £225; in 1894 to £260 and £230; in 1895 to £270 and £235; and in 1896 to £275 and £240. From these figures it will be seen that the fund is steadily attaining the object for which it was formed.

BRISTOL BISHOPRIC.

It will be remembered, with regard to the reconstitution of the Bishopric of Bristol, that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners are allowed to accept an immediate income of £2,500 (including the contribution from the see of Gloucester), provided that a satisfactory guarantee is given that the remaining £500 per annum will be forthcoming at the expiration of five years after the appointment of the Bishop. The Bristol Bishopric Committee are now in a position to report to the Commissioners that they have raised a capital sum producing £1,800 per annum, which, with the £700 to be contributed from Gloucester, will amount to £2,500, and, further, that they have capital, subscribed or promised, sufficient to produce at the end of five years an income of £500. The re-endowment of the Bishopric of Bristol, so far as the annual income of the Bishop is concerned, is therefore complete. But as regards the episcopal residence, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have to be satisfied that either a suitable house for the Bishop, or, in lieu of that, an annual income of £500, in addition to the above-mentioned income of £3,000, has been provided. The house in Berkeley Square, the gift of the Rev. H. A. Daniel, has been accepted by the Commissioners as a residence for the Bishop, subject to certain necessary alterations in structure and arrangement, and the erection of a private chapel for the use of the Bishop. The premises have been surveyed by Messrs. Christian, Caröe and Co., the architects to the Commissioners, who have reported that the alterations and additions, including the chapel, will require an outlay of £5,000. This report has been accepted by the Commissioners and sent to the committee. The committee, therefore, now appeal for this sum of £5,000, which has to be paid over to the Commissioners before the see can be reconstituted. Contributions may be paid to Canon Cornish or Mr. W. W. Ward, the hon. secretaries of the Bristol Bishopric Committee, or to the treasurer of the Bristol Bishopric Re-endowment Fund at Messrs. Prescott's, Old Bank, Bristol.

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBANS.

The Bishop of St. Albans states, in an appeal which he has just issued, that at the end of 1895 there were 163 benefices in his diocese under £200 per annum, and that the incumbents throughout the diocese receive less by £51,000 than they did thirteen years ago. In answer to his appeal the sum of £3,000 has been already collected, and about £800 has been distributed amongst the most urgent cases.

APPOINTMENTS.

On St. Peter's day the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Exeter, St. Albans, Rochester, Rockhampton, and Mashonaland, and Bishop Hornby, consecrated, in the parish church of Bethnal Green, the Rev. Philip Kemball Fyson, as Bishop of the Church of England in the Islands of Hakkaido, in the Empire of Japan; the Rev.

John Edward Hine, D.D., M.D., as Bishop of the Church of England in Likoma (Nyasaland), Central Africa.

The Bishop of Liverpool has appointed the Rev. Robert Irving, Vicar of Christ Church, Sefton Park, to an honorary canonry of Liverpool.

THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORWICH CATHEDRAL.

The first of the series of services to be held during the present week in celebration of the 800th Anniversary of Norwich Cathedral took place on July 1. There was an immense congregation, which filled the choir, transepts, and nave. Persons from all parts of the diocese attended the service. Occupying positions of honour in the organ loft and in the choir were, according to the *Times*, the American Congregationalists, who are now on a visit to England, and who, under the conduct of the Rev. Dr. Barrett, were most cordially welcomed by the Dean and Chapter. At eleven o'clock a long procession, marshalled by officers of the 7th Dragoon Guards, entered the Cathedral by the great west doors, and walked up the nave to the singing of the hymn, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving." It was headed by the lay members of the Diocesan Conference, followed by the mace-bearers and officers of the Corporation of Norwich bearing the city regalia. The Mayor of Norwich (Mr. J. Moore), the Sheriff (Mr. G. Arthur Coller), the Deputy Mayor (Mr. C. R. Gilman), and the Mayors of the boroughs of Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Beccles, Aldeburgh, Southwold, and Eye, were also in attendance, with the Aldermen and Councilors of the city, and the Justices of the Peace. The Members of Parliament present were, Mr. S. Hoare, Sir Harry Bullard, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Sir J. Colomb, and Mr. H. S. Foster. The High Sheriff of Norfolk (Mr. R. Gurney) preceded the Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for the Province of Norfolk (Lord Suffield), who was attended by about thirty members representing the local lodges. Then came the unbeneficed and beneficed clergy, and the Cathedral body and officials, the rear of the procession being brought up by the Deans of Lincoln, Peterborough, Ely, and Norwich, Bishop Mitchinson, the Bishops of Colchester, Thetford, St. Albans, Peterborough, Ely, Lincoln, Exeter, and Norwich, and the Archbishop of Armagh. The service was intoned by the Dean of Norwich; the first proper lesson was read by the Canon-in-Residence, Dr. Robinson (Master of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge), and the second lesson by the Bishop of Norwich. Dean Lefroy is much to be congratulated on the moral and religious impressiveness of the whole series of events connected with the anniversary.

NEW CHURCHES.

The Church-people of Heaton, a suburb of Bolton, assisted lately at the opening of the new church, called Christ Church, which will be the centre of a parish that has been formed out of the old parish of Deane. The new structure has cost about £5,000. It is a beautiful edifice in the late Decorated Gothic style, and in every way worthy of the locality. The church, which will accommodate about 500 people, was well filled for the consecration service, and the Bishop of Manchester, who was accompanied by Chancellor P. V. Smith, preached an appropriate sermon, and the offertory realized about £80.

The Bishop of Wakefield during the month consecrated the new church of St. Saviour's, Heckmondwike, which has been built by Mr. E. B. Balme, of Mirfield, at a cost of £5,000. The new church is a substantial building of the Early English type. Accommodation is provided for 500 worshippers, including a choir of thirty voices. The length of the nave is sixty-eight feet, and it is divided from the north and south aisles by

arcades consisting of four arches on each side. Lofty lancet windows have been placed in the east and west ends of the church, and they lend dignity to the edifice through being raised high above the ground.

POOR CLERGY RELIEF CORPORATION.

The annual meeting of the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation was held recently, the Dean of Canterbury presiding. The Archdeacon of London and Canon Benham were also present. Dr. R. T. Pigott read the report, from which it appeared that, in spite of the general depression, the corporation had been able to continue its work most effectively. The annual subscriptions had amounted to £2,934, and the donations to £4,234; and during the year 838 cases had been assisted with grants, amounting to £9,911. The chairman proposed the adoption of the report, and warmly commended the work of the society to all the members of the Church. Archdeacon Sinclair, in seconding the motion, testified, from personal knowledge, to the delicate, judicious, and kindly way in which the grants of the corporation were distributed, and he laid much stress on the present position of the clergy. The Bishop of Lincoln was cordially thanked for his sermon before the Lord Mayor and sheriffs.

CURATES' AUGMENTATION FUND.

The annual meeting of the Curates' Augmentation Fund has been held at Dean's Yard, Westminster, Archdeacon Thornton presiding. In the thirtieth report it was stated that the income for the past year was one of the largest ever attained. The gross receipts for the past year amounted to £15,031 17s. 9d., against £11,499 4s. 2d. for the year preceding. The council, even with their increased income, were only able to make twenty-seven new grants, hence a very large number of eligible applicants were disappointed. The cash account showed a total income of £15,031 17s. 9d., which included subscriptions and donations amounting to £6,060 5s. 1d., legacies £7,021 12s., and Church collections £852 1s. 8d. The payments showed £7,127 10s. in respect of grants, £98 15s. 11d. for trust payments, and £1,306 12s. 6d. expenses, leaving a balance to capital account of £6,498 19s. 4d. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said there was an abundant, but not over-abundant, number of curates, and the difficulty was how to remunerate them properly. In some parishes the endowment was considerable, and there was enough to spare, after the necessary expenses of the rector had been paid, for several curates, but in the vast majority of the 13,500 parishes there was no such balance. He was a mendicant, not for himself, but on behalf of those whose faithful services to the Church did not meet with adequate recognition. This fund met the difficulty to a certain extent, and he was glad that Church-people were rising to a consciousness of their duty, as was shown by the increase of the receipts during the past year. The Rev. Dr. Kinns, having seconded the motion, Canon Barker said that during the past thirty years the fund had spent £250,000, and he was not sure whether £20,000 a year would now be sufficient to cope with all the necessities of the case. It was almost a scandal that gentlemen of education, position, and character without reproach, having laboured for a great number of years, should not have a stipend sufficient to live upon. It was a mystery to him how the Church of England, with its rich members, permitted such a state of things to exist.