

We very gladly call attention to our old friend *The Quiver*, one of the best of our religious magazines. (Cassell, Petter & Galpin.) With the fifteenth volume, just published, we are much pleased.

From the Religious Tract Society we have received *The Girl's Own Annual*, being the first volume of that successful publication, *The Girl's Own Paper*. We are much pleased with this ably-edited book, and heartily recommend it. Well illustrated, it contains both interesting, or attractive, and really useful reading. Among gift-books for girls, or presents for girls' libraries, there are none better than this; few as good.

We understand that a new book of private devotions, entitled *Morning, Noon, and Night*, is to be published immediately by Mr. Elliot Stock. The work is contributed to by Bishop Perry, Bishop Ryan, the Dean of Ripon, Archdeacon Prest, the Revs. R. Allen, Canon Bell, Prebendary Cadman, Canon Clayton, E. K. Elliott, Canon Money, J. Welstead Powell, Canon Richardson, and it will be edited by Canon Garbett.

Messrs. T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, are about to issue the second volume of their Illustrated "Popular Commentary."

THE MONTH.

THE Naval Demonstration has been held, but Mr. Gladstone's coercion policy did not prove a success. The Sultan's Note, a very Vatican *non possumus*, brought about a deadlock, which would have been ludicrous if it had not been, unmistakably, full of danger. After friendly pressure, in secret, from some of the Powers, the Sultan gave way, and Dulcigno is to be surrendered to the Montenegrins. The Greek difficulty remains, and the language of King George is decidedly bellicose.

In France the influence of M. Gambetta is, probably, on the increase. The nation as a whole, however, sees that it needs quiet and peace.

The Right Hon. Sir Bartle Frere has returned from the Cape.

The condition of Ireland grows worse and worse. Outrages are of daily occurrence, and murder follows murder, apparently to the satisfaction of the peasantry in the disturbed districts. The Land League agitation continues, while no protest from the dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church comes for the protection of life and property. At an assembly in Dublin of the owners and agents of landed property the proceedings were necessarily kept private; but it is known that strong representations were made to Mr. Forster, whose promises probably failed to give satisfaction. Irish landowners have terribly good reasons for asking the Government for measures of coercion.

At the Oxford Diocesan Conference approval was given to the

recommendations of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Patronage, and at the 'Ripon Conference a resolution was passed to send three members of each order to a General Council of Delegates. We have read the opening address at the Durham Diocesan Conference with the greatest satisfaction; it brings forward, and in a very practical way, the question of organized lay agency. Under Bishop Lightfoot's rule this question, the importance of which can hardly be exaggerated, will speedily come to the front.

The Rev. H. C. G. Moule, for some time senior Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed to the headship of Ridley Theological Hall—an admirable appointment, full of promise.

The judgment of the Capetown tribunal in Bishop Merri-man's case has created consternation in the Church of South Africa. The Cape judges have held that a community which has so materially modified its character, cannot claim to retain lands which have been granted "for ecclesiastical purposes in connection with the Church of England." The *Cape Times* says:—

One thing is clear: legislation is required to secure to the Church of England in this land, called for convenience' sake the Church of the Province of South Africa, the full rights to property conveyed in the time of Crown-appointed and letters-patent Bishops. Essential unity with the Church of England is independent of Crown appointments and of letters patent. Whether that essential unity has been secured under the provincial constitution, is another matter; whether it could possibly be secured more firmly than at present, is also a question for argument.

Another American expedition has conducted a partially successful search for further relics of the Franklin expedition.

The Archbishop made the Cathedral Commission the subject of his Charge to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. His Grace urged the necessity for the cathedral to be the centre of the religious life of the diocese.

The Rev. Stopford Brooke has seceded from the Church, but he has no intention of joining the Unitarian body.¹

Maria Louisa Charlesworth, author of "Ministering Children" and other admirable books, has entered into her rest.

¹ "The form of doctrine to which the Church of England has committed itself appears to stand on the miracle of the Incarnation, as a building on its foundation. Not to accept that miracle is to separate myself, not I hope from the spirit, but from the external form of the faith as laid down by the Church of England; and it is the inability to confess this miracle which, beyond all else, forces me out of its communion."