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Uncle Phil. By MAUD CAREW. S.P.C.K.

This sweet, life-like, and perfectly natural and healthy little story carries with it a simple and very useful lesson, and will be read with great interest and delight by children of all ages and classes. It is seldom that we can give such unqualified praise to any child's book.

A Little Socialist. By ALICE M. MITCHELL. S.P.C.K.

We have here a very pretty little story, as far as it goes, simply and brightly written, which will be appreciated both by children and their elders, but the ending is somewhat abrupt and unsatisfactory, and we should like to know how the street child was disposed of eventually. The outline illustrations are charming.

Faith. By the AUTHOR of *Hope*. S.P.C.K.

This pleasant little tale is sufficiently interesting to be read with enjoyment by the girls for whom it is intended, but we cannot say that the plot is at all a natural one. Also, when the village heroine is in distress, the appearance of a rich benevolent lady, who instantly provides her with a luxurious home, is hardly what may be expected in every-day life.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (May) magazines :

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Review of the Churches, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The Weekly Churchman, 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, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, The Parish Helper, Parish Magazine, New and Old, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Zenana, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Home Words, Hand and Heart, The Home Visitor, and The Jewish Herald.



THE MONTH.

THE sum of £5,401,982, which the Church Year Book shows to have been raised by the Church at home in the year 1892 for various purposes, chiefly ecclesiastical (several philanthropic efforts not being here included), is thus roughly divided :

Assistant Clergy and Home Missions	...	...	...	£690,257
Easter offerings	...	...	...	114,050
Foreign Missions	...	...	...	235,905
Church education	...	...	...	751,132
General and Diocesan Societies	...	...	...	121,770
Church building	...	...	...	1,144,686
Endowment of benefices and parsonages	...	...	...	274,360
Burial-grounds	...	...	...	29,436
Support of the poor	...	...	...	517,410
Lay helpers, Church expenses, and other purposes, religious and secular	...	...	...	1,166,958

The following are some of the items of the £517,410 raised for the benefit of the poor :

Diocese.	Sum raised in 1892.	Population
Canterbury	£29,742	745,149
Wakefield	3,570	719,734
York	16,904	1,447,029
Ripon	7,353	1,020,110
Winchester	35,890	976,385
Chichester	21,634	549,472
Peterborough	11,900	692,909
Oxford	25,778	613,526
Lincoln	6,897	472,495

Meetings and services in all parts of London north of the Thames have been held for the Bishop of London's Fund. The annual report states that since its commencement thirty years since, under Bishop (afterwards Archbishop) Tait, the fund has expended on clergy and lay agents £230,000, on mission rooms £130,000, and on church building £320,000. It has promoted the erection of 172 churches, 153 of which have had districts legally assigned to them, with an aggregate population of 1,033,650, and endowments from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners amounting to over £50,000 per annum; 138 of the above churches are within the area of the diocese of London, as at present defined. Last year the total receipts amounted to £26,451 8s. 3d., as compared with £28,565 6s. 1d. of the previous year. It must be remembered, however, that in 1892 the legacies amounted to £8,910, whereas in the past year only £3,553 was received from that source. Apart from this fluctuating item of revenue, it is satisfactory to find that there has been an increase of £4,510 8s. 9d. in the church collections, subscriptions and donations. The summary of grants made during the year for the various objects of the fund is as follows: missionary clergy, £1,944 17s. 8d.; additional curates, £3,291 15s. 11d.; endowment of curacies, £1,000; lay agents, £2,665 19s. 7d.; mission buildings, £5,811 1s. 8d.; churches, £9,425 16s. 9d.; vicarages, £384; schools, £495; total £25,018 11s. 7d. In conclusion*the report says:

Whilst, therefore, we express our grateful thanks to all who have in any way responded to our appeal, we are compelled to add that we are not receiving nearly enough to enable the fund efficiently to perform that task for which it exists.

In London and the suburbs (with the exclusion of the city and rural parishes, which are under different circumstances), in those parts where no wealthy inhabitants or supporters are to be found, there are 39 parishes with an income under £200, 26 between that and £250, and 30 between that and £300, so that there are 95 needy and populous parishes with an income below £300 a year. In the first batch of the above list there are 21 parishes without vicarages, in the second 10, in the third 20; so that 51 of the list are without that important adjunct to a healthy and active parochial life, besides a very large number more not included in it.

The religious and philanthropic meetings connected chiefly with evangelical principles, which occupy six or eight weeks at this time of the year, are being carried on with extraordinary vigour. The Church Missionary Society, for instance, which, in spite of an increased income, had exceeded it by its expenditure, in obedience to growing demands, to the extent of £13,000, was able in a few days not only to wipe out that deficit, but to start afresh with a sum of between £3,000 and £4,000 to the good. It had meetings in Exeter Hall and St. James's Hall morning, afternoon, and evening, with overflow assemblies besides. Conspicuous as the zeal of former anniversaries has been, that of the present year is probably unprecedented.

The Annual Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel shows an increase of more than £1,000 in the freewill offerings made to

the General Fund of the Society during the past year, on which the work of the Church abroad so largely depends. The total income of the Society for the year 1893 amounted to £113,079 13s. 4d. It is mentioned that the Society supports 718 ordained missionaries, including ten Bishops, 2,300 lay teachers, and 2,600 students in its colleges in different parts of the world, while in the schools of the missions in Asia and in Africa about 38,000 children are being educated.

Parallel in its richness in good works to the parish year-book for St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, is that for St. Jude's, South Kensington. It shows the largest amount by £200 ever received in one year in the history of the church, viz., £6,416. The various amounts subscribed during the year are as follows: for Home Mission work (including the British and Foreign Bible Society), £1,146, of which £600 was distributed among poor parishes in Kensington and Fulham, Whitechapel, and other parts of the Metropolis; for Foreign Mission Work, £628; for Diocesan Societies, £309; for Clergy Funds and Church Education, £551; for relief of the poor and sick, Hospitals, Convalescent Homes (including the proceeds of the sale of the work of distressed ladies), £2,089—making a total dispensed in charitable undertakings and church work of upwards of £4,725. The actual expenses of the church, services, etc., including the choir, came to £1,056, the balance being under the head of "Miscellaneous," and including certain appropriated contributions in hand. The following are the grants made in 1893 by this fortunate parish towards parochial work in London alone, not including hospitals, nor Church societies (such as C.P.A.S. or C.E.T.S.) which work in London:

	£	s.	d.
Money grants in parishes in North Kensington and Fulham	...	298	10 0
Ditto at Christmas	...	50	0 0
Grants to various parishes in other parts of London	...	35	0 0
To London clergy (personal)	...	80	0 0
Curate's stipend, Whitechapel	...	150	0 0
Factory Girls' Club, Whitechapel	...	135	0 0
East London Church Fund	...	50	0 0
East London Nursing Association	...	5	0 0
Bishop of London's Fund	...	168	0 0
London Diocesan Home Mission	...	69	0 0
Kensington, Church Schools	...	158	0 0
To sick and poor in St. Jude's parish	...	65	0 0
		£1,263	10 0

The late Lord Crewe has bequeathed to the Chester Infirmary and to the Stafford Infirmary £200 each; to the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, £200 each; to the Church Missionary Society, £50; the North Staffordshire Infirmary, £100; St. George's Hospital, £300; Westminster Hospital, £100; the Seamen's Hospital, Deptford, £100; to the Governesses' Benevolent Institution, £50; and to the Widows' Society, for relieving widows in the first year of their widowhood, £50.

The late Bishop of Nottingham (Dr. Trollope), who left personalty of the value of £50,790, having conveyed to trustees certain freehold hereditaments known as the Bishop's Almshouses, bequeathed to the trustees £1,300 to apply the income for the insurance and maintenance of the almshouses and the benefit of the almspeople. He also bequeathed £100 to the Poor Benefice Augmentation Association.

The late Miss G. Rolleston, of Hyde Park Terrace, has left a legacy of £1,000 to the Society for Promoting Female Education in the East.

Mr. Assheton Smith, Vaynol Park, Bangor, has given £500 towards the restoration of the ancient parish church of Carnarvon.

A new church is to be built in Yeovil with £10,000 bequeathed by the late Mr. Henry Cole. The population of the town is rapidly increasing, and the attendance at the other two churches quite justifies the proposed steps.

The living of Willand, near Cullompton, has, by the strenuous and praiseworthy efforts of the vicar, been increased from £110 to £131. The fund from which the interest is derived was contributed to from the Bishop of the diocese down to the poorest parishioner.

Towards the £2,000 required for the purpose of acquiring freehold land on which to build a vicarage as a memorial to the Rev. F. J. Ponsonby, late Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, the sum of £1,200 has been collected. Mr. Andrew Oliver, of Bedford Row, has given £3,000 for the building, and operations will begin immediately.

Lord Burton has formally handed over to the Bishop of Lichfield the deeds of a new Church Institute for St. Paul's parish, Burton-on-Trent. The building has been erected at a cost of over £10,000, the whole of which has been borne by Lord Burton, whose gifts to the borough of Burton during recent years amount to more than £100,000.

Sir Francis S. Powell, M. P. for Wigan, has most generously contributed £2,250 to the enlarging of church schools in the town, and £2,000 of it is for the schools of St. George's parish, of which Sir Francis' father was at one time vicar.

Obituary.

A *TIMES* telegram from Melbourne announces the death of the Right Rev. Sydney Linton, D.D., Bishop of Riverina, which took place after a brief illness. Dr. Linton was a son of the Rev. Henry Linton, Rector of St. Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford, and Honorary Canon of Christ Church. He was educated at Rugby and at Wadham College, Oxford, where he graduated and took a Second Class in law and history in 1864. He was ordained deacon in 1867 and priest in 1868. He was Curate of St. Mark's, Cheltenham, from 1867 to 1870, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Oxford, from 1870 to 1877, and Vicar of St. Philip's, Norwich, from 1877 to 1884. In the latter year, on the formation of the See of Riverina, he was appointed the first Bishop. He was created an honorary D.D. of Oxford in 1884. In 1887 he married Jane Isabella, daughter of the Rev. Professor Heurtley, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts yesterday afternoon, the Archbishop of Canterbury announced the death of the Right Rev. Charles Alan Smythies, Bishop of Zanzibar and Missionary Bishop in East Africa.