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and in "Admiral Benbow's Last Cruise" and "Londonderry: 1689," strikes a manlier chord on his lyre. The sonnets, of which Mr. Bradley gives us fifty-seven, are tinged with the sadness of one who feels deeply the complexity of life. Many of the poems, especially those descriptive of nature, are of singular sweetness.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (April) magazines :

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The National Church, The Foreign Church Chronicle, The Evangelical Churchman, The Gospel Magazine, The Church Magazine, Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, Cassell's Family Magazine, The Quiver, 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, The Philanthropist, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, New and Old, The Dawn of Day, 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, The Children's World, Our Little Dots and The Boy's and Girl's Companion.



THE MONTH.

THE vacancy caused by the protracted and lamentable illness of the Bishop of Bedford has been filled by the appointment of Canon Browne, of St. Paul's Cathedral, as Bishop of Stepney, Suffragan for East and North London. The appointment has given universal satisfaction, as Canon Browne has been very favourably known as an indefatigable worker during the four years that he has been resident at St. Paul's. Educated at St. Peter's School at York, he proceeded to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, of which he became a Fellow in 1863. He took his B.A. in 1856, coming out as a Wrangler and Second Class in the Theological. In 1862 he gained the Maitland prize, and took his B.D. in 1879. He was ordained Deacon and Priest in 1858-59 by the Bishop of Oxford. In 1887 he was appointed Disney Professor of Archæology, and an Hon. Fellow of St. Catherine's. In 1891 he was appointed Canon of St. Paul's by Lord Salisbury.

He was for about thirty years Secretary to the Cambridge Syndicate for University Local Examination and Local Lectures, as well as to innumerable other syndicates and University committees. He was also J.P. for Cambridge; Chaplain and Lecturer of St. Catherine's; Theological Tutor of Glenalmond; Bell Lecturer in the Scottish Episcopal Church; three times Proctor of Cambridge; twice member of the Council of Senate; as well as Secretary to the University of Cambridge Commission, 1877-81. His principal works are "Ice Caves of France and Switzerland," "Commemoration and other University Sermons," "Venerable Bede," "Monkwearmouth Church," and "The Church in these Islands before Augustine." Since he has been in London he has held the important and responsible office of Secretary and Superintendent of the London Diocesan Home Mission, as well as being an Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of London. He has also thrown himself with immense vigour into the work of lecturing for the London Diocesan

Church Reading Union. He is a man of the highest administrative capacity, a shrewd judge of character, a moderate Churchman, with a fair and impartial tone of mind ; and there can be no doubt that in his hands the East London Church Fund will make great forward strides. All the clergy of East and North London alike, whether High or Low, will be able to feel that in the Bishop of Stepney they have a true, sincere, able, and powerful friend.

The reason of the change of title is obvious. When Bishop Walsham How was consecrated, the Act of Henry VIII. limited the titles to eighteen towns, of which Bedford was the nearest available for London. Since then the Act has been amended, and any township can now give a title. To this Stepney has the best right, as it is the mother-parish of the whole East End, and the parish to which every British subject is accredited who is born at sea.

The Rev. the Hon. W. H. Fremantle, Canon Residentiary of Canterbury, who has been appointed to the Deanery of Ripon, is the second son of the late Lord Cottesloe, well known as Sir Thomas Fremantle, for many years a distinguished member of the Civil Service, and brother to the present peer. He was educated at Eton, where he was Newcastle medallist, and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he gained a first class in the final classical schools, and obtained the English essay prize. He was elected a Fellow of All Souls in 1854, and ordained in 1855 to the Curacy of Claydon, under his uncle, the late Dean of Ripon, whom he has now been appointed to succeed. He was for some years Vicar of Lewknor, Oxon., and then became domestic chaplain to the Bishop of London (Dr. Tait). From 1866 to 1883 he was Rector of St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, and he was then appointed by Archbishop Tait to a Canonry of Canterbury. Not long after he became a Fellow and the Theological Tutor of Balliol College, under the late master, Professor Jowett, a position which he held till last year. Among the new Dean's literary works are "The Ecclesiastical Judgments of the Privy Council," which he edited with Mr. George Brodrick, now Warden of Merton ; "A Translation of the Principal Works of St. Jerome," with critical notes and preface ; "The Gospel of the Secular Life" (sermons before the University of Oxford) ; and "The World as the Subject of Redemption" (the Bampton Lectures for 1883).

Mr. John Henry Buxton has accepted the presidency of the Church Pastoral Aid Society in succession to the Earl of Harrowby. The society reports that its income for the year ending March 31 last was £63,536, an increase of £8,209 over that of the previous year. The society has now in operation 656 grants for curates, 129 for lay assistants, and 52 for women workers.

Lord Halsbury has accepted the office of president of the South American Missionary Society, in succession to the Earl of Aberdeen, who has resigned owing to his continued absence from England.

The Papal Brief creating an Apostolic Vicariate for Wales is regarded by the *Monde* as foreshadowing the creation of a Welsh ecclesiastical province independent of the English province. The *Monde* comments on the "particularist" tendencies of the Welsh, and it applauds the tact and sagacity of the Pope in adapting his measures to the temper and circumstances of the various countries with which he has to deal. It contrasts this with the mistake of English sovereigns in trying to Anglicize Wales.

The Bishop of London has forwarded a contribution of £50 to the Poor Schools Relief Fund of the London Diocesan Board of Education.

The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society has received a gift of £300 "In memoriam Rev. William Heygate Benn."

The Bishop of Llandaff has refused to institute the Rev. W. Craig, who has been presented by the Marquis of Abergavenny to the living of Llan-ihleth, on the ground that he cannot speak Welsh.

Obituary.

WILLIAM ROBERT FREMANTLE, Dean of Ripon, has died rich in honour and love at the age of eighty-eight. He was third son of Admiral Sir Thomas Fremantle, who distinguished himself at Copenhagen and Trafalgar. His eldest brother was created Lord Cottesloe, and the second was Admiral Sir Charles, who was distinguished in the Crimea. The Dean was Fell Exhibitioner of Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. 1829, M.A. 1832, D.D. 1876, Fellow of Magdalen 1841-68. He was Rector and Rural Dean of Claydon, where he used to hold gatherings of undergraduates from Oxford. He wrote a "Memoir of Spencer Thornton," and "From Athens to Rome." He was a vigorous, loving and warm-hearted exponent of the Gospel in his life and teaching.

Few clergymen have lived a more quiet and uneventful life than the late Rev. S. Flood Jones, who, for no less than thirty-eight years, has been closely connected with Westminster Abbey, and who, on Saturday morning, was laid in his last resting-place in the south cloister amid the deep sorrow of many attached friends. He was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, and became a Deputy Minor Canon in the Abbey in 1857. In 1859 he was appointed Minor Canon, and in 1868 he became Precentor. In 1869 he was made one of the Priests-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and in 1876 was nominated by the Dean and Chapter to the Vicarage of St. Botolph's, Aldersgate. His whole life has been spent in quiet, faithful, unostentatious service. He was a man of fine presence, and it is only for the last year or two that the clear and melodious voice, so familiar to thousands of the Abbey worshippers, showed any signs of deterioration. His attendance at the services was most regular, and the deep reverence of his manner was sufficient to show how little he regarded them as a mere external function, how earnestly he strove to make them seasons of heartfelt prayer. To the Abbey he was devotedly attached. There were very few positions which he would have been willing to exchange for that of Precentor. During the main part of his life he took a prominent share in all the great ceremonials of national import of which the Abbey is the scene. He chanted the service at the Jubilee of the Queen, at the funerals of Lord Tennyson, Mr. Browning, Lord Palmerston, Lord Shaftesbury, Charles Darwin, Archbishop Trench, Archbishop Tait, Sir Gilbert Scott, Mr. W. E. Forster, Lord Randolph Churchill, and multitudes of other eminent men. His wedding hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," has been sung at almost every great marriage in the choir or in Henry VII.'s chapel. He took part in the consecration service of scores of bishops. As Precentor he was the official head of the choir, and his wide knowledge of music gave charm and variety to the daily and weekly selection of the anthems, which were most appropriate to each sacred festival. Perhaps the greatest service which he rendered was in the training and keeping together of the large voluntary choir which sings at the nave services and the other evening services in the Abbey. This body of gentlemen was devotedly attached to him. He was always the chief hero of the annual dinner of the voluntary choir in the Jerusalem