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fuss, what reason is there why the next ten years should not be, by God's mercy, even more rich in blessings than the last ten years have been? What reason is there why the Church in East London should not go on with progress sure, though slow, overtaking the arrears, which through force of circumstances, rather than of fault, have been accumulated; meeting the fresh needs of rapidly-growing populations as they arise; devising new methods of activity, as the requirements of the day may demand; but ever holding up the Cross, as the symbol of all that is good for man, in the face of prejudice, ignorance, unbelief, indifference, and sin; witnessing for Christ, through poverty or antagonism, with all earnestness and loyalty, until it be felt in every street and alley and court that "He lives who once was slain," to be the Saviour, Lord, and Friend of the poor as of the rich, of the lowly as of the great, in all the kingdoms of the world?

"After sixteen years of experience," says the recent report—"experience not untouched by anxiety, and yet blessed with many signs that God recognises the work of which they are the humble instruments as His own—the council enter upon the labours of another year with confident hope and a quiet trust in the ability of the Church to deal with the vast problems that lie before her. Replying to the question whether he thought the Church had influenced the masses, the Bishop of London recently said: 'I ask, what has touched them more? Has the Government been more successful with them? Have the police? Does the Board School reach them, or, when it does, does it improve them *au fond*? The Church reaches the masses better than anything I know.' Gratefully do the council acknowledge the efforts made, and made successfully, by the State and by individuals, whether personally or by association, for the happiness and improvement of the great multitudes of the East End; but they know that the only real force is the power of the living Christ."

WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

Short Notices.

Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum. By WILLIAM STUBBS, Bishop of Oxford. Second edition. Pp. 248. Price 10s. 6d. Clarendon Press.

The Church of England is under a deep debt to the learned Bishop of Oxford for his historical and constitutional researches. The first edition of this work was published in 1858, so that this appears nearly forty years later. It contains a list, as far as possible complete, of every English consecration of a bishop since St. Augustine, with the consecrating

bishops. There are also nine valuable appendices containing Indian, colonial and missionary consecrations, tables of the dates of foundation of sees, list of archiepiscopal halls, dates of legations, suffragan bishops, Manx bishops, Welsh bishops, index lists of English bishops, index lists of colonial and missionary sees. Without this work no clerical or historical library can be considered complete.

Church and Queen. Diamond Jubilee Lambeth Conference. By MANDEVILLE B. PHILLIPS. Pp. 174. Church Newspaper Co.

This is a capital guide-book to the Lambeth Conference. It has an article on Church progress during the Queen's reign, accounts of previous Lambeth conferences, and biographies of all the bishops.

Lives of the Saints. By the Rev. S. BARING-GOULD. 3 volumes: March, pp. 518; April, pp. 382; May, pp. 430. Price 5s. per volume. Nimmo.

There is no compilation of the same character as this, combining the saints of the Western, the Greek, and the Celtic Churches. The author does not desire to be critical, but to present a readable summary of the stories of the various lives. As there are saints for every day in the year, these volumes become in ecclesiastical matters something like Chambers's "Book of Days," affording varied and readable matter for the whole calendar.

History of Tooting-Graveney. By W. E. MORDEN. Pp. 412. Price 21s. Edmund Searle, London.

We have often commended painstaking local monographs, but this is probably one of the most complete of its kind. Nothing has been omitted that could be of interest to those acquainted with the neighbourhood. History of the manor; old and new churches; Dissenting places of worship; lists of rectors, curates, churchwardens, and all other parish officials; the building of the workhouse; extracts from registers—vestry, highway surveyors' and National School books; charities, and every other local topic, are fully and carefully treated. Many years must have been spent in the production of this well-judged compilation; it is quite a model to all enterprises of the same kind.

American Conference on International Arbitration, 1896. Pp. 247. Baker and Taylor Co.

This volume contains records of an interesting gathering held in Washington in 1896. It gives the principal addresses, with historical notes and precedents.



The Month.

AT length, after a long delay, the See of Bristol has been filled. The choice of Her Majesty has fallen upon the Right Rev. G. F. Browne, Bishop of Stepney. By a general consensus of opinion, the choice has been a fortunate one. Bishop Browne has not identified himself so far with any party, and there is no reason to doubt that the entire diocese of Bristol will find in him a true "Father in God," not the Father of any section of it alone. Some two years ago, in a letter addressed to the *English Churchman*, Dr. Browne stated his position as regards officiating at certain "extreme" services, for which he had been somewhat sharply rebuked by our contemporary. "Loyalty," he said, "to the Archbishop's