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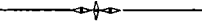
addition to Sunday-school literature. The characteristic of the book is its faithful spiritual teaching, which should always be the leading characteristic of Sunday-school work. We heartily recommend it, not only to Sunday-school teachers, but also for use in private and secondary schools.

A Visit to Bashan and Argob. By Major ALGERNON HEBER PERCY.
Pp. 175. R.T.S.

Readers of "the giant cities of Bashan," and all interested in the antiquities of that remarkable tract of country, will be much pleased to pay it another visit in the company of the present traveller. The book is beautifully printed, and contains fifty-two very charming photographic illustrations.

Carl Winter's Dream. A Fairy Romance. By PAUL BÜTTMANN.
Pp. 240. Elliot Stock.

This charming story relates the strange and fascinating adventures in fairyland of the little boy Carl and the little maid Marigold, whom he gallantly rescues from the hands of the cruel Giant Gaptooth. The book is a constant succession of surprising and exciting incidents, and will be a source of never-ending delight to the juvenile mind.



THE MONTH.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE Rev. John Cooke, D.D., Incumbent of Glenealy, has been appointed to a canonry in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin—patron, the Archbishop of Dublin.

The Ven. A. Tait, D.D., Archdeacon of Tuam, has been appointed Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin—patron, the Bishop of Tuam (by lapse).

The Bishop of Worcester has appointed the Rev. A. R. Vardy, Head Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, to be one of his examining chaplains, in the place of Dean Farrar, resigned.

The Rev. T. Selby Henrey, formerly Curate of St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, has been appointed Vicar of St. George's, Old Brentford, the patron being the Vicar of Ealing. Mr. Henrey, since he left St. Botolph's, has been doing temporary duty first at St. George's-in-the-East, and recently at St. George's, Hanover Square. It will be remembered that during the six years Mr. Henrey was at St. Botolph's he organized, and carried on, a series of mid-day services in the churchyard, which is frequented by a large number of City toilers during the dinner-hour, and that he succeeded in obtaining, as speakers, several bishops and other dignitaries of the Church, as well as leading laymen. He was practically curate-in-charge, and the high esteem in which he was held by the parishioners was brought forward very prominently in the controversy which arose respecting the appointment of the present Vicar.

NEW CHURCH.

The new St. Peter's Church at Eastbourne was dedicated on St. Paul's Day by Archdeacon Sutton. The new church takes the place of a temporary one behind the Town Hall, which has been in use for some years as a chapel-of-ease to St. Saviour's. It is a fine stone and brick building, in the Early English style, built with three main roofs, and lighted by a high window arcade in the side aisles. Great dignity is given to the interior by the large chancel, equal in width to the nave

30 feet), and with the same lofty roof, the only division being a massive roof-beam, surmounted by a cross. There will, however, be a wrought-iron screen shortly. The building, as at present erected, has cost about £16,000, of which nearly £4,000 has still to be raised. The plans also include a morning chapel and a tower, which will cost another £5,000 or £6,000.

NONCONFORMISTS AND THE CHURCH.

Some representative Nonconformist ministers met on January 27 at the Bishop of Rochester's Episcopal residence to welcome the new Bishop to his diocese. The following address, which had thirty-one signatures, was read by the Rev. J. Tolefree Parr (Surrey Chapel):

"We, the undersigned ministers of Evangelical Free Churches of South London, including Congregationalists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists, desire to congratulate your lordship on your appointment as Bishop of the large and important diocese of Rochester, and to assure you of our hearty welcome. We have heard with sincere pleasure of the noble work accomplished by you in the city of Leeds as a Christian philanthropist, and in ministering to the well-being of the community irrespective of denominational distinctions. We shall hail with great satisfaction the manifestation of the same spirit in your present sphere as the chief representative of the Church of England. We assure you that, whilst we frankly recognise the diversity of judgment which necessarily exists in questions which sever us, we are prepared to stand shoulder to shoulder with you in the maintenance of the great principles of purity, righteousness, and temperance, which are held in common by all Christians."

The sentiments of the address were expanded in brief speeches by the Rev. F. B. Meyer (Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road) and the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett (Warden of the Bermondsey Settlement). The Bishop cordially replied.

GIFTS.

The Church Pastoral Aid Society has received two gifts of £500 each, one from Mr. John Henry Buxton, president of the society, and the other from Mr. B. Stretton, Wisbora Tower, Billingshurst. The receipts since April last towards the society's "Forward" Fund amount to £2,700.

EMIGRATION.

The Rev. W. Osborn B. Allen, general secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, writing to point out what is being done by that society for the spiritual welfare of emigrants, says: "The number which went to the United States in the last year was 126,646; to Canada, 16,658; to South Africa, 20,254; to Australasia, 10,532; making a total of 174,090. These figures refer only to emigrants of British origin. The most noticeable feature is the very large increase in the numbers going to South Africa, 7,000 more having gone in 1895 than in 1894. To minister to such numbers is a large task. We have appointed chaplains at the chief ports. We have published a list of clergy in the Colonies and in the United States who are ready to care for emigrants on their arrival. And further, we try to place chaplains on board all the great ships going to Canada, Australia, and the Cape, who will travel all the way with their floating flocks. During the past year eighty-five such appointments were made, and the value of these services cannot be over-estimated. Young men and young women, starting abroad for the first time, need counsel, and even warning, and those who best know the possible dangers will feel how necessary this branch of Church work is. I would only add that we hope to continue our work during the present year. If anyone desires to

obtain information about Canada or the United States, our chaplain, the Rev. J. Bridger (St. Nicholas Vestry, Liverpool), will be glad to answer any questions, while I shall be pleased to do the same with regard to the Cape or Australasia."

A lecture has been delivered at Sion College by Dr. A. Schofield on "The Clergy as Teachers of Sanitation." The chair was taken by the president of Sion College (the Rev. J. W. Pratt), and there was a large attendance of clergy. Dr. Schofield referred at the outset to the fact that 200,000 needless and premature deaths take place every year, to say nothing of some millions of unnecessary sicknesses. Only about one in eight died really natural deaths, and the premature deaths of at least half the rest were preventable. The spread of hygiene had, however, already greatly lengthened our days. Twenty was the average age in the last century; now it was forty-two for a man and forty-four for a woman. Having cited a number of similar facts to show at once the need and the value of hygienic knowledge, and the remarkable advantages which by their position the clergy enjoyed as teachers of hygiene, the lecturer urged that a committee should be formed to organize special lectures in hygiene for the clergy. A brisk discussion followed, in which the Revs. N. J. Devereux, E. P. Green, H. Williams, J. D. Mullins, J. H. Scott, C. T. Payne, and others, took part.

Obituary.

GENERAL RICHARD CHARLES LAWRENCE, who has lately died at Biarritz, aged seventy-seven, was the youngest and last survivor of the five Lawrence brothers, of Indian fame. Entering the Indian army in 1834, he went through the Sutlej campaign, and was present at the battle of Sobraon (1846). During the war of the Mutiny he greatly distinguished himself, winning the C.B. for his services before Delhi. His principal work, however, was performed under his brothers, Sir Henry and Sir John (afterwards Lord) Lawrence, during the pacification and organization of the Punjab, where the memory of "Deek," as the natives called him, is still held in affectionate reverence. By his marriage (in 1839) with Ellen, daughter of the late Colonel William Youngson, of Bowscar, Cumberland, General Lawrence leaves four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons have retired from the Indian army as colonels; a third is commanding officer of the 1st Dragoon Guards.

Sir Joseph Barnby died lately at his house in St. George's Square. Born in 1838, he became a chorister at York Minster in 1846, and afterwards entered the Royal Academy of Music. From 1863 to 1871 he was organist of St. Andrew's, Wells Street; from 1871 to 1886 he held the same post at St. Anne's, Soho. In 1875 he became precentor and director of musical instruction at Eton, his official connection with the school lasting till, in 1892, he was elected principal of the Guildhall School of Music. That year he also received the honour of knighthood. He had been conductor of the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society since 1872, when he succeeded Gounod. Sir Joseph Barnby has taken a place amongst composers of Church music, and of his other compositions, his "Eton Boating Song" is a universal favourite.