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Our Magazine.

THE August number of the K. D. M. seems to have given much satisfaction, especially to the Sunday School teachers, who have been studying with much pleasure and profit the selected answers from the papers of the candidates in this year's examination for the "Bishop Kingdon" Prizes. We are very thankful, as a Deanery, that we have such an earnest, faithful, and well-instructed band of S. S. teachers in our midst, and we cannot underrate their power for good in educating the children of the Church in their faith and duty. We expect great things in time to come from the S. S. T. U. If the members work with a will, the Deanery of Kingston will ever be to the front as the "Banner Deanery."

His Readings of Scripture.

IX.

IN discussing generally the question how to pronounce the names in the Bible, we have seen how an earnest reader may be driven from a pedantic pronunciation—which he thinks was the original pronunciation—to a compromise; and we have hinted that he may, as he grows older (and perhaps wiser), arrive at the third stage, where men boldly and courageously pronounce each name with English accentuation. There is real ground for this, for he would only be doing what all nations of antiquity have done from the first. We will not vex our readers with cuneiform examples of the Assyrian approximation to the pronunciation of the names of Accad. Let us take example by Greece. The Greeks were very conceited, and they had reason for it; and they improved upon their neighbors' names as suited them best. Take for example the name of those that dwelt by the side of the Nile. They liked to call themselves Copts. *Copt*, said the Greek, what cultivated gentleman of art could pronounce such a name, if *we* are to pronounce it, it must be softened and made genteel. So the hard C was softened into g and a prefix was added, and the necessary Greek termination given, and Copt became Ai-gupt-os. *Egyptos*, said the Englishman, what a foolish name; we will drop the *os* at all events, if we are to use it, it is so vulgar. So with us it is Egypt. Then the Italians in modern times were the first to introduce commerce into Western Europe from Mohammedan Egypt. The Arabs called the chief town of Egypt, El-Kahirah. *Poo!* said the Italians, that is not a reasonable name at all; we will drop the El, which is pure nonsense, give the word a decent Italian pronunciation, and call the place Cairo, which name it bears amongst Englishmen to this day. If, therefore, we would pronounce the names as Englishmen would, we should be following the best examples of antiquity. In the country districts of England to this day the children in reciting the Creed always say, "Ponce Pilate," just as children were taught to say four or five hundred years ago in England. This is more consistent than Pontius Pilate, for if we say Pontius, why not Pilatus? This seems like a compromise. In modern travel care has to be