

the vestry. Am I right, Mr. Editor, in these conclusions? I have not access to the definite wording of the law in the Diocese. Would you afford the positive information needful to the vestry in the discharge of its important functions? Yours,

CONSTITUTION.

[We believe that our correspondent is right.—Ed].

SIR,—In your issue of 22nd inst., you print under "Ecclesiastical Notes" an item on the life of the Rev. Mr. Matheson, late of Patterdale, Westmoreland. "To say the least of it his economy, which is there eulogised, is not only misleading but impossible. May I ask by what means he could possibly have saved £1,600, allowing him £18 per annum during the whole of his clerical career. The poor man unfortunately died when he was 90 years old, so that he must have been in receipt of his salary before he was five years of age, and then as your article says, 'lived with his neighbours,' should it not have read, 'lived on his neighbours'?"

I think the majority of your readers and all true lovers of the Church's welfare will agree with me that it is better not to print articles which lead its readers to think or doubt the veracity of what is said. Yours truly,

D. MAITLAND.

SIR,—Can you or any reader of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN give me the address of the Treasurer of The Church Army? and oblige.

Yours, C. B. B. E

Montreal, 27th May, 1889

SHE WANTED A PLACE TO PRAY.

Standing nearly opposite one of the best known Churches in Brooklyn, on a Friday afternoon lately, was a middle-aged woman, dressed neatly and plainly in mourning. Her face was sad and pale and she was evidently ready to drop from fatigue as she looked up and down the street. She stepped diffidently up to a lady who was passing and asked her if she could direct her to the nearest Episcopal Church. As she was not well posted on the churches of that part of Brooklyn the lady could not aid her, but thinking that perhaps a minister was wanted for a hasty wedding or a sick or dying person she told the questioner that in "Beecher's church," opposite, she might perhaps find a minister.

She hesitated, looked doubtfully at the closed doors, and said: "Is it open and free, a place where I can go in and pray for a few moments?" Then her eyes filled with tears, and she continued: "I've been walking around Brooklyn all day, and can scarcely stand. I came to New York to look for my boy, who is an engineer, but he has not written to me for a long time, and I wanted to be where I could search for him. I am to take a situation in St. John's (Episcopal) Hospital to-morrow, and to-day I wanted to find a church where I could pray for him. But I have not found a single one open. It does not matter whether it is Episcopal, or Protestant, or Catholic, we have the same God, but they are all closed now when I am in so much trouble."

THE diocese of Ohio has elected as its Bishop, the Rev. Wm. A. Leonard D. D., rector of St. John's church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Leonard was born in Southpoint, Conn., July 15th, 1848. He was educated at Philips Academy, Andover, Mass., St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., and the Berkley Divinity, ordered deacon May 31st, 1871, and priest July 21st, 1872. He began his ministry as assistant at Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, of which his father is warden. In 1872 he became rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn. In 1880 he was elected by the House of Bishops, Missionary Bishop of Washington Territory, but declined. The following year he became

rector of St. John's Church, Washington, his present parish. Last year he was elected Assistant Bishop of Southern Ohio, but was unable to accept. It is believed that he will be able to accept the call of the convention of Ohio. If so, a prosperous future may be predicted for that diocese.

THE GREAT FORTY DAYS.

By M. A. T.

Forty days of risen life!
Wondrous life, unknown before!
Life that set in mortal strife!
Life that rose to set no more.
Changed, but still the same as when
Earth, in mortal flesh, He trod,
Rose the Christ, the light of men,
Very Man and very God.
Spirit-like, His risen frame
Needed not the doors to open,
When, to greet His friends He came,
Chasing grief and kindling hope.
Yet no spirit-form He wore,
But the body that was slain;
And the wound-prints still it bore,
And, for ever, shall retain.
None can tell if e'er He slept,
Whence the robe He chose to wear;
What, for forty days, He kept
Of the things that mortals share.
But we know He left the grave,
First-fruits of the countless dead;
Rose, omnipotent to save;
Rose, of all mankind the head.
When His blood for sinners streamed,
Not the deadless soul alone,
But the body, He redeemed,
To be fashion'd like His own.
As in verdure, bright and new,
Springs the seed from winter's tomb,
So, from dust, His servants true
Shall awake in fadeless bloom.
Sown, corruption's captive thrall,
But in incorruption raised;
Sown, dishonored, through the fall:
Raised in glory—God be praised!
Sown in weakness; raised in power;
Mortal shall immortal shine!
Eden lost, but gained the dower
Of the paradise divine!
—Churchman, N. Y.

NEW BOOKS.

READINGS IN CHURCH HISTORY.—By the Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia; author of the "Heart of Merrie England," etc.; Member of the University of Bishop's College, Lenoxville, Canada; Alumnus of the Philadelphia Divinity School; Hon. Member of the Trinity Historical Society, Dallas, Texas, and formerly Professor of History in Wickliffe College, Toronto.

In this volume are carefully examined and interestingly set forth the prominent periods of ecclesiastical history, and much is told of the persons, books, customs and movements which thereto belong. The author, already favorably known by his "Heart of Merrie England," and as a student of history and literature, has brought to the work a fullness of knowledge, an independence of thought, a clearness of treatment and a beauty of style which can scarcely fail to give the book a large circulation and to make it invaluable to those interested in the subjects of which it treats. Ritual Poetry, Monachism, Doctrine, Architecture, Symbolism and Folklore are dealt with; and a rare critical ability is displayed in the analysis of characters such as Augustine of Hippo, Guthlac of Croyland, Thomas a Becket, Henry VIII and George Fox, and of books such as the Inferno, Piers the Plowman, Paradise Lost,

Pilgrim's Progress and the Book of Common Prayer. 12mo. Cloth, extra. Price, \$1.50; Porter & Coates, Publishers, Philadelphia.

GUIDE MARKS FOR YOUNG CHURCHMEN.—By Richard Hooker Wilmer, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Alabama. New York: Thomas Whitaker. 1889. Pp. 106. Price 60s.

The *Living Church* says: (and we after personal own heartily adopt its statements)

"In easy, perspicuous, and familiar form, the Bishop of Alabama has here arranged the historical *principia* of the Church, the facts in the life and development of the kingdom of God which are an unmistakable guide for young Churchmen to the one true altar of the Catholic Church. The little work also affords a manly, fair, and moderate view of all that is needful to be seen and understood of the different religious bodies in the United States. In one of Dr. Wilmer's concluding chapters, that which treats of scepticism, rationalism, and scientism, there is an abundance of sober thought to clear and steady the brain of young people who have picked up ideas and learned to fondle vain notions from those schools of attack, and from independent writers hostile to Church and Revelation."

MAGAZINES FOR MAY.

The *Church Review*.—Rev. H. M. Baum, 21 Park Row, N. Y.; \$4 per annum, is now issued as a quarterly, in January, April, July and October. This number comprises the first three months of the year, and is a small library in itself. The publisher announces that it is intended to make the *Review* the nucleus of a circulating parish library. It is to be the medium for the discussion by the ablest men of the day of the great questions in which Churchmen are most deeply interested, and for conveying to the laity the ripest scholarship of the Church. We sincerely hope that the publisher will be cordially supported in this further effort (notwithstanding discouragement in the past) to give to churchmen a *Review* in the truest sense of the word. May the hope of the Editor be fulfilled, that every congregation of the faithful in North America may secure at least one copy as a nucleus of a consulting library. It will be a book worthy of being kept for continual reference.

The *Century*.—The Century Co., Union sq., N. Y.; \$4 per annum, begins its 38th volume with the May number; and an admirable number it is; filled with information of every kind. Samoa receives special notice from two writers, Hardy W. Whitaker and Geo. H. Bates—their papers being accompanied by many illustrations. Besides there are illustrated descriptions "Round about Jerusalem"; a Ride through the Trans-Baikal, and The 'Monasteries of Ireland,' all deeply interesting. Of lighter reading there is no lack, and the whole number is one of the best and most generally interesting that we have received for a long time.

The *English Illustrated Magazine*.—Macmillan & Co., 112 Fourth avenue, N. Y.; \$1.75 per annum,—gives as a frontispiece a striking "Study of a Head," from a drawing by James Sant, R. A. Its illustrated articles are "A Peep into the coal country" of England; and "Abingdon." A new serial "Jenny Harlowe" by W. Clark Russell is announced, and "Sant Ilario," by F. Marion Crawford continued.

The *Sidereal Messenger*.—W. W. Payne, Carleton College, Minn.; \$2 per annum—discusses in contributed articles, the Astronomical Theory of the Ice Age; Astronomy in the United States. The Double Star; The Meteor Comets; and the Relative Time of Rotation of any Cosmic Body, a function of its relative density. Current celestial phenomena are also noticed. This is an admirable and most useful magazine for lovers of astronomy.