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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Durham has just laid the foundation stone of a new church, to be erected in Sunderland, which is being built at the sole cost of His Lordship, as a thank offering for the blessings vouchsafed to him during his seven years' episcopate.

ON Monday, 2nd Nov., the Duchess of Teck, accompanied by the Princess Victoria, paid a visit to Spitalfields, to open the new Mission-hall and Working Men's Club in connection with the parish Church. Among those present were noticed the Earl and Countess of Meath, and the Countess of Iddeleigh and Lady Ellis.

The new mission hall occupies the site of one of the old Huguenot refuges. For many years it was known as the "Patent" Chapel, being one of the chartered Huguenot places of worship. The Royal arms with the French quarterings, found in good preservation, have been carefully regilded, and were to be seen above the chairs occupied by the Duchess and her daughter. The chapel was last occupied by the United Methodist Free Church, and when they could no longer hold their own in such a neighbourhood, the Rector of Spitalfields became the purchaser of the building and its freehold site. The inducement to purchase was increased by the fact that the Secularists were much anxious to obtain a place in those parts, but their design was happily frustrated.

A series of special Church Sunday Afternoon Musical Services has been arranged to take place this winter in the Bishop Lee Memorial Church, Manchester. The course will include the *Messiah*, *Creation*, *Elijah*, *Hymn of Praise*, *Gaul's Cantata*, *The Holy City*, and other musical productions. There will also be a special service for men only, at which a choir of 100 men will perform, led by a military band; and a service for women only, with a lady organist and some eminent local artistes. Popular hymns and a short office will precede and conclude each service. The preachers will be the Dean and Archdeacon of Manchester, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, and Canons Woodhouse, Kelly, Maclure, Lloyd, and Beechey, and the Rector of the parish, the Rev. E. Bigoe-Bagot. At the first service Handel's *Israel in Egypt* was sung before an immense congregation, and the pulpit was occupied by Canon Birley, chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester.

A NEW altar is shortly to be placed in Lincoln Cathedral through the generosity of the Bishop of Nottingham.

A marble tablet has been erected in the parish Church of Biddeford to the memory of the late Rear-Admiral Bedford Pim, that town being the birthplace. An international monument to the late admiral is also in hand. It has been liberally subscribed for exclusively by the pilots of the principal ports of Her Majesty's dominions and of the United States of America, and will take the shape of a memorial window and brass, which are to be placed in the Seamen's Church in Bristol, in testimony of the respect felt by the pilots for the memory of the late admiral, and in grateful remembrance of the ser-

vices rendered them throughout a long series of years.

THE offerings collected in Truro Cathedral at the consecration amounted to £1,736 3s. 11d.—viz, Consecration Service, £1,640 11s. 4d.; Evensong, £60 2s. 5d.; Service of Praise, £35 3s. 2d. The collection on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone on May 20, 1880, was £1,591 19s. 1d.

THE Bishop of Ripon's services for men and women at Her Majesty's Prison, Wakefield—when twenty five males and ten females were confirmed—cap the Bishop of Bedford's visit to the common lodging house. In the men's chapel, where some 600 or 700 prisoners occupied the body of the building, and took a deep interest in the proceedings, the ceremony was most impressive. The men answered clearly and firmly the question put to them, and after the laying on of the hands they were addressed by the Bishop from St. John xvi, 33: "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

THE new Bishop of Western Texas was, like his predecessor, an officer in the Southern army during the war. He is the youngest son of Capt. James S. Johnston, of Church Hill, Miss., and was born in 1843. It is understood that he has accepted the appointment to Western Texas and is to be consecrated at Trinity Church, Mobile, on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, by Bishop Wilmer, Bishops Dudley and Harris assisting.

THE seventh annual festival service of the Choir Guild of the Diocese of New Jersey was held Tuesday, Nov. 15th, in St. Paul's Church, Camden. This guild is composed of choirs from St. Mary's, Burlington; Christ Church, Elizabeth; Christ Church, Bordentown; St. Stephen's, South Amboy; St. Peter's, Perth Amboy; Trinity, Princeton; St. John's, St. Barnabas, St. Andrew's, Camden; St. James', Long Branch. The assembled clergy and choristers on this occasion numbered over 200. Stainer's Mass was sung with organ and orchestral accompaniment, the processional being Sullivan's "Onward Christian Soldiers," followed by an antiphon and Psalm 122. The Celebrant was the Rev. H. H. Oberly, precentor of the guild. The Bishop of the Diocese pronounced the benediction, the guild receding singing "O mother dear, Jerusalem."

The Lutheran, commenting on the sermon and address of the Rev. Dr. Brooks, recently delivered in Philadelphia, heads the article "Adrift." The editor thinks it strange that such teaching should go "unchallenged in the presence of the highest dignitaries of a powerful church," and congratulates the Lutheran body upon having definite and explicit statements of doctrine to which all are required to conform who minister in Lutheran pulpits.

BISHOP Harris and three of his clergy, and a driver, started from Alpena, (Michigan), early Monday morning, 14th, to visit two mission stations out in "the Bush." When distant about twelve miles, a woman ran out of a log

house they were passing, and excitedly begged that one of them should come and shoot a deer, her husband being sick in bed. Bishop Harris got out of the wagon, took the rifle which the woman had got from the house, and cautiously approached the river. The deer was in the reeds on the other bank and raised its head, when the Bishop fired, sending a ball through the heart of the animal, and he fell dead in his tracks. Returning the rifle the Bishop left the grateful woman, to take the canoe and get her venison; and with his admiring, though astonished, presbyters, drove on his way rejoicing.

THE Rev. W. Hay Aitken has just concluded a successful mission in Luton. The parish Church has been crowded night after night for a fortnight, and many have been led to Christ. There has been great blessing also in the addresses to believers and to busy men.

THE restoration of All Saints' Church, Dodinghurst, has been made at a total cost of £2,500, towards which the Rector, the Rev. F. Stewart, has given £2,000. The organ too is the gift of the Rector's wife. The altar and service-books have been presented by members of the Rector's family. All the work has been carried out by men employed by the Rector, under the direction of Messrs. St. Aubyn and Wadling, architects, of Lamb-buildings, Temple, London. The Church was reopened on All Saint' Day, the Bishop of St. Alban's being the preacher.

LORD Shelborne has been conducting what we may presume to describe as a vigorous Church Defence Campaign in Wales. For this he deserves the gratitude of all Churchmen, and we trust his Lordship's example will have the effect of rousing other laymen of eminence to embark upon this great and necessary work.

We are assured, says the *Family Churchman*, (London, Eng.), that the result of the Mission of Bishop's Maclagan and Wordsworth to the Old Catholics is eminently satisfactory. The union of the two Churches, therefore, is coming to be regarded as likely to be effected before long. What the Old Catholics desire, however, is that the Archbishop of Canterbury should consecrate one of their Bishops. This point will be decided at the next Lambeth Conference.

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