The Church Guardians

Upholds the Doctrines and Rubrics of the Prayer ok.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."-Eph. vi. 24. "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the satuts."—Jude 8.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Diocese of Chicago has received another benefaction in the gift by Mr. T. D. Lowther, of Chicago, of three handsome residences on California Avenue, valued at \$20,000 to serve as a partial endowment of the Cathedral.

MR. EDWARD SPICER, at a meeting of the Congregational Union on Saturday, made a very significant admission. He complained that the Nonconformist churches were losing their children, who, it seems, are going over to the Church of England.

DR. STAINER, we learn, has now left St. Paul's, for Oxford, where he will now reside. He "presided" at the performance of Sullivan's Golden Legend on Tuesday, in the Albert Hall, when Her Majesty was present. Sunday week he took the Cathedral organ for the last time. The doctor has received a large number of farewell presents from the clergy choir, and officials of St. Paul's.

Two years ago an anonymous donor contributed over £15,000 to the fund for the magnificent parish church at Portsea, in course of erection He now offers a further sum of £5,000 (including £3 000 allotted specially for a stained glass east window, reredos, and chancel screens) on condition that a similar sum be raised by ordinary subscriptions or by special gifts. The church is to cost over £40,000.

THE Japan Mail of February 10th, contains an account of a thanksgiving service which was held in Tokio, February 3rd, to celebrate the completion of the translation of the Bible into the Japanese language. It is remarked as a singular fact illustrating the marvellous progress of Christianity in Japan, that there should be nearly 20,000 Protestant Christians in the Empire before the whole Bible had been given to the people in their native tongue.

SELWYN College, Cambridge, will be used this year, during part of August and September, for a course of residence and instruction for licensed readers. The Principal will be Rev. Canon Whitaker, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and examining chaptain to the Bishop of Wakefield. A similar course has been held annually for the past seven years. Its purpose is to deepen and quicken the spiritual life, and to convey such teaching, devotional and theological, as muy assist readers in their subsequent studies and in their preparation of addresses. It is intended also to afford an opportunity for healthful relaxation in the society of those engaged in like work, and with whom an interchange of views may often prove useful.

THE Bishop of Rochester has brought in a Bill empowering him to nominate a Suffragan-Bishop for Southwark. The second reading is fixed for June 4. This measure will also empower the Bishop to accept a house of re-

Canterbury to that of Rochester, of the Deanery of East Dariford, a narrow strip of land in the diocese of Canterbury, which at present prevents the boundaries of Rochester from being continuous. According to the Record, Dr. Thorold called a special meeting of his Diocesan Conference for the 18th May, to consider the matter. This step is worthy of note as an entirely new departure. It is, we believe, the first occasion of a Bishop calling the members of his Dioceran Conference together to consult them on legislation affecting the welfare of his Diocese.—Family Churchman,

THE representatives of the English Church on the Continent met in conference at Montreux, early in May. Large numbers of Anglican clergymen and laymen resident in France, Switzerland, and Germany, and a good many ladies were present. The sessions were held in the Town Hall, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. Bishop Wilkinson, who has charge under the Bishop of London, of the Anglican congregations north of the Alps was the president, and numerous papers were read on various subjects connected with the position, duties, and prospects of the English Church on the Continent. The position of the Anglican Church towards the Roman Communion on the one hand, and the Protestant bodies on the other, was naturally a prominent topic of discussion. Bishop Wilkinson said he was able to state from personal knowledge that enlighted foreigners are now taking a greater interest than they once did in the doctrine and ritual of the Church of England, and he urged that this interest imposed upon the members of the Church the obligation not to be narrow, prejudiced, or illiberal. They should show that they belonged not to a sect, but to a Church—a Church which, in all its operations, is as wide as the Empire.

THE arrangements for the Lambeth Conference are approaching completion. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel will follow the practice which it adopted at the last Conference in 1878, by postponing its annual meeting to July 10, in order to make it an opportunity of offering a welcome to the assembled prelates from all parts of the world and a demonstration of the extent and character of the Church's foreign mission work. The meeting of the society will take the form of a con ference in which the Bishops of Calcutta, Rangoon, Shanghai, Japan, Capetown, Zululand, Ruperts Land, Missouri, South Dakota, Sydney, Hayti, Guiana, and Gibraltar will take place. Each of these prelates, as also Bishop Smythies and the Rev. R. R. Winter, of Delhi, will read a paper occupying about fifteen minutes in de livery. The subjects treated will include the organization of the local missions in the dioceses of the various Bishops, medical missions, woman's work in missions, the history and progress of the Colonial Churches in the Dominion of Canada and Australasia, and the domestic and foreign missions of the Church in

to the Bishops, and an introductory speech from his Grace.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Tauro.—An almost regal reception was given last Monday to Bishop Courtney on his first visit to this model parish and Church. His Lordship, who was the guest of Sir Adam Archibald, was met by Rural Dean Moore and the following clergy of the Deanery: Revs. Harris, Gwillym, Kaulbach, Wilson, Harris, Parkinson, Martell, Woollard, Bent and Metzler. Before Confirmation service the Bishop and clergy assembled in the crypt and Master George Pollock read an interesting address to the Bishop on behalf of the Sunday-school, and presented the Bishop with a tangible token of regard in the shape of a cheque for the new Cathedral. The Bishop made a happy reply. Confirmation service followed, thirty one candidates from Traro, and two from Londonderry were confirmed. The church was overcrowded and shewed to perfection its full and majestic proportions. The service was complete and awe-inspiring, the singing devotional, and his Lordship's address to the candidates sunk deeply into the hearts of all. He laid great stress upon communion with Christ in the Holy Communion as the highest act of Christian love and worship, and earnestly pleaded that all should continue in that means of grace. The Church was prettily decorated with pot plants and choicest cut flowers adorned the retable on the altar. After service the Bishop, clergy and congregation, adjourned to the crypt and there Rural Dean Moore read a filial address from the Deanery Chapter to the Bishop. His Lordship responded hoping he would be indeed found a true father to all; and that united work for souls, the Church and the world, may be the result. Then followed an address from the Vicar, Churchwardens and Vestry, expressive of joy and welcome, to which the Bishop made once more one of the happy impromptu replies of which he is a complete master. A sumptuous supper followed in a manner well known to those who have enjoyed Truro's hospitality. The table groaned with the choice estables. The clergy were kindly entertained by various well known parishioners and once more Truro shone out as one of the most gracious and hospitable of the Nova Scotia parishes.

Annapolis.—The next meeting of the Rural Deanery will be held at Digby on the 19th and 20th June next, as follows: Tuesday 19th, Prayers and Sermon at parish Church, 7 pm; Wednesday 20th, Prayers and Sermon and Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Deanery Meeting, 2.30 p.m., Missionary Meeting, 7.35 p.m.

Ship Harbour.—The Tangier Rural Deanery held a meeting on Wednesday, May 16th, at Jeddore, in the parish of Ship Harbour, of which the Rev. R A. Heath is rector. On the sidence for the Bishop-Suffragan, which has domestic and foreign missions of the Church in been placed at his Lordship's disposal by a the United States. The Archbishop of Canter-burney Burney Burne previous evening Divine service was held in the