

The Church Guardian

Upholds the Doctrines and Rubrics of the Prayer Book.

"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 saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

Forty thousand dollars have been raised by the people of Trinity Church, Buffalo, N. Y., with which to pay off their debt.

TRINITY CHURCH, Wilmington, Delaware, a magnificent building, was consecrated Jan. 29th, by Bishop Coleman. Bishops Potter and Adams were also present.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., after a straggling existence of many years as a colored mission, is now an independent parish, with colored rector and vestry.

THE Woman's Guild of Trinity Church, New Orleans, has placed a memorial window in the church, to the late Bishop Harris, of Michigan, who was at one time rector of the parish.

THE Rev. James Buchanan Drysdale, late assistant to the Rev. Lindsay Parker, rector of St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been formally deposed by Bishop Littlejohn, of Long Island.

KANSAS.—Owing to continuous hard work during the past four years, the Right Rev. Elisha S. Thomas' health has been somewhat impaired. He will take a vacation for three months.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL parish, Easton, Maryland, has begun the erection of a stone church as a memorial of the first Bishop, the saintly and revered Bishop Lay. The walls are partly up and it is hoped to complete the work before spring.

AT All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee, Wis., on the second Sunday after Christmas, a German Lutheran minister was confirmed. He is unable to speak or understand the English language. The service as pronounced by the Bishop was repeated in German by Dean Williams.

BISHOP SPALDING held a Confirmation service in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Colorado City, U. S., December 9th, at which time the Rev. John Harrington, a Methodist minister, with his wife and two daughters were confirmed. Mr. Harrington has been admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders.

A CORRESPONDENT from Michigan in the *Southern Churchman*, says: "On the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott T. Slocum, of Detroit, a few days ago, for Europe, Mrs. Slocum handed to the Bishop of Michigan a cheque for \$10,000 for the endowment of an additional lectureship, on Christian Evidences, in connection with the Hobart Guild of Ann Arbor. The gift is in nature of a thank offering, as Mrs. Slocum enjoyed in a special degree the warm personal intimacy of the late Bishop Harris and his family, being also warmly interested in his plans for the Church students at Ann Arbor.

By the translation of Dr. Magee to the northern Primacy, the Bishop of Wakefield, Eng., becomes entitled to a seat in the House of

Lords. There can be no doubt that the experience which he gained during the nine fruitful years when, as Bishop of Bedford, he was winning the affection of the people of East London, will be peculiarly valuable in the Legislature when social questions are under consideration. All the conditions of life among the toilers in our courts and byways have been investigated by him, and he will be able, from knowledge gained at first hand, to tell the members of the Upper Chamber many things about the social state of the people which will be likely to startle and shock them. A loveable man, full of sympathy, and with a personal charm which few can resist, he was for a time known by the East Londoners as the Bishop of Bedford; then as the Bishop; and finally as our Bishop. Many of them to this day affectionately remember him and his ministrations among them.—*Church Bells*.

ACCORDING to the *Chester Diocesan Calendar* for 1891 it appears that at the end of 1890 there were 270 benefices in the diocese. The parochial and other clergy licensed to officiate in the diocese number in all about 490. During the year four ordinations were held, at which were presented 37 candidates—16 for deacon's and 21 for priest's orders. Of these 9 were of Oxford, 13 Cambridge, 2 Dublin, 3 Durham, 2 London, 3 St. David's, 4 Theological Colleges, and 1 literate. Confirmations were held in 12 rural deaneries, at which were presented 5898 candidates—2417 males, 3481 females. One church and four churchyards have been consecrated, and eight places licensed for Divine service. The amount of the guaranteed fund for the 'Chester Diocesan Special Service' at the end of 1890 was computed at £560 per annum. The grand total of voluntary contributions for Church purposes made in the diocese during the year was £118,630. The diocese is reported to have an area of 657,123 statute acres, and the total population is estimated at 644,000.

THE following opinion, given at the close of 1882, by Bishop Magee of Peterborough, Eng., to a Leicester memorial on the subject of prayers for the dead is of interest just now, in view of the correspondence on the subject in our columns:—"Prayers for the dead are not necessarily a Roman rite, nor does their use necessarily imply belief in any Roman doctrine. There is a doctrine respecting the state of departed souls, and there are prayers for these founded on that doctrine, which are distinctly Roman—namely, the doctrine that the souls of the faithful departed pass through the cleansing fires of purgatory, and that remission of these pains may be obtained for them by Masses and prayers offered on their behalf by the faithful on earth. This our Church distinctly condemns in her Articles. On the other hand, there is a doctrine as to the state of the faithful departed and there are prayers for them founded upon that doctrine, which are not Roman but primitive, and which our Church has never condemned. The belief was undoubtedly general in the early Church, that the souls of the faithful, though free from all suffering, were capable, while awaiting their final consummation and bliss, of a progress in

holiness and happiness; and that prayer or such progress might therefore lawfully be made on their behalf by the Church on earth. Accordingly prayers for the rest and refreshment of the departed abound in the early liturgies of the Church, and especially in connection with the celebration of the Holy Communion. To say that such prayers imply a belief in Roman doctrine is not only unjust and uncharitable, but also in regard to our controversy with Rome 'extremely rash and unwise.'—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

ACCORDING to the *Ripon Diocesan Calendar* for 1891, just issued, the diocese at present contains 356 parishes and one chaplaincy, with 350 incumbents, one chaplain, and 192 curates. Of the parishes two are vacant, five are held jointly with some contiguous parish, and one has two incumbents. The total number of clergy in the diocese is 611. Of these there are 348 incumbents, 194 curates, 19 Cathedral clergy and chaplains not holding other preferments in the diocese, and 50 who are residents in the diocese without parochial cure. During the past year 33 incumbents were admitted, 73 curates licensed, and eight incumbents resigned. Bishop Carpenter held four ordinations, at which were presented 59 candidates in all—38 for deacon, and 21 for priest's orders. The total number of confirmees for the year was 5148, who are divided thus—1673 boys, 2629 girls, 205 men, 641 women. Three new churches and eight burial-grounds were consecrated. The population of the diocese is put down at about 919,516, and the church accommodation at 169,967 sittings.

THE *Directory of the English Church Union* for 1891 shows a considerable increase in the numbers and organization of the Union for the past year. During the year ten new branches and four new district unions have been formed. These now make a total of 358 branches, and sixty-one district unions. In addition six more parochial guilds have affiliated themselves to the Union, making a total of fifty-four guilds. It is further stated that since June, 1888, when it first became known that the Church Association were commencing proceedings against the Bishop of Lincoln, no less than 13,850 communicants have joined the Union. The general defence fund, out of which the costs in the Bell-Cox case have been paid, commences the year 1891 with a small balance in hand. The members and associates are informed that the President and Council have been able to send the Bishop of Lincoln a cheque for £1,672, collected chiefly in small sums from members and associates of the Union, as a corporate contribution towards the expenses involved in his trial at Lambeth. This offering of the Union was supplementary to the sum of over £2,000, raised by the Bishop of Lincoln's friends at Oxford and a sum of £1,600 guaranteed by Churchmen in his diocese.

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