

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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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Conference of Anglican Chaplains on the Continent is this year to be held at Copenhagen.

THE Bishop of Lincoln has received an expression of sympathy from a number of English clergy in Madras.

CHURCH WORK IN CARDIFF.—A correspondent of the *Western Mail*, gives figures in detail relating to Church building, restoration, and the provisions of organs and necessary church furniture in the borough of Cardiff during the past five years, showing that £50,000 have been so expended.

IN memory of the late Dean Scott, their father, and as an Easter offering, the Misses Scott have just placed in Rochester Cathedral beautiful specimens of the metallic art in the form of a massive and highly ornamented brass rail for the altar space, and a desk of similar material for the priests engaged in the Communion Service.

THE gross income of the Missions to Seamen for last year was £29,865 5s. 7d., or one-fifth more than in the previous year; the increase being mainly due to efforts to provide better worshipping accommodation for the crews of ships and fishing vessels at several seaports. Buildings for the purpose of the recreation and worship of seamen and fishermen had been provided or greatly enlarged during the past year at the port of Sutherland, Newport Docks, Mon., the port of Dublin, Newhaven Harbour, Yarmouth Harbour, Lowestoft Docks, Poole Harbour, and Avonmouth Docks; whilst a similar Seamen's Church and Institute is about to be erected at Cardiff Docks, and a Church is to be added to the seamen's Institute at Southampton Docks.

THE Bishop of Rochester has issued another appeal with respect to Confirmations in his diocese. Mock pearls, white satin shoes, semi-bridal veils, and all the fripperies of feminine apparel are the Bishop's particular abhorrence at Confirmations. Neatness and simplicity are the great desiderata. Acting upon Dr. Thorold's former appeal on the same subject, a few bold South London clergymen have introduced the Continental mode, requiring female candidates to be attired in plain white dresses of muslin or lawn, with white veil or hood of the same material falling over the shoulders. "Nothing," says the Bishop, "would distress me more than to have to send a candidate back for showy or tawdry apparel, but, for example's sake, it may be necessary for me to do it."

There has just died at Patterdale, in Westmoreland, a clergyman of the name of Matheson, aged 90 years, and who has been incumbent of that parish for the long period of 60 years. "During the early part of his life," says the *Yorkshire Post*, "his benefice brought him only £12 a year, but it was afterwards increased to £18 a year, which it never exceeded. On this he married, brought up four children, and lived comfortably with his neighbours, educat-

ed a son at the University, and left upwards of £1,600 behind him. With that singular simplicity and inattention to form which characterises a country life, he himself read the burial service over his mother, he married his father to a second, and afterwards buried him also; he published his own banns of marriage in his church with a woman whom he had formerly christened, and he himself married all his children."

ST. DAVID'S.—The statistical summary given in the St. David's *Diocesan Directory* for 1889 of the work in one of the four Welsh dioceses furnishes a remarkable proof of Church progress in Wales. From this we gather that the diocese has an area of about two and a quarter million acres, with a population of 482,245 souls and 411 benefices. It has 483 parish churches and ancient chapels, 23 modern chapels, and 112 mission chapels, and other buildings licensed for Divine worship, the whole affording sitting accommodation for 126,732 persons. The clergy engaged in parochial work number 479. There are 231 day-schools belonging to the Church, having 26,848 scholars on the register, while the attendance at the Sunday schools numbers 36,789. There were 4,307 baptisms during the year 1887. The gross income of the parochial clergy is returned at £92,445, while the average net value of the benefices is only £184. The expenditure from voluntary sources on buildings and endowments for the past four years has been no less £25,692 in 1886, £30,536 in 1887; and £28,950 in 1888.

WAKEFIELD.—A pastoral staff was presented on behalf of the laity of the diocese to the Bishop of Wakefield for himself and his successors. The staff, which is of a very beautiful design, is five feet ten inches in height. The crook is done in silver and silver gilt, and is so arranged as to enclose on one side the emblems of the four Evangelists with the Divine Dove in the centre, and on the other side, the emblems of the Passion. Immediately underneath is a canopied octagon, the four main niches of which contain small figures of St. Paul, St. Peter, and St. Barnabas. The four remaining niches are filled with shields charged with symbols, and the whole is supported by handsome foliated work. Lower still is a shaft bearing the dedicatory inscription resting on an arrangement of eight shields charged with the coat of arms of the first Bishop and of the seven most important towns in the diocese (namely, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Halifax, Barnsley, Dewsbury, Batley, and Morley), all depicted in proper heraldic colours. The whole is supported by a black reeded staff, divided half way down by a screw joint ornamented with jewels.

OUR NEAREST COLONY.—On Thursday afternoon, May 23rd, the S. S. Oregon (Dominion Line) will sail from Liverpool with a large batch of emigrants. The vicar of All Saints, Monkwearmouth (Rev. Alexander A. Boddy F. R. G. S.), who has Canadian experience, has consented to act as chaplain and accompany the party to Winnipeg and still further west to British Columbia. The old Church of England

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge does its best to secure a welcome to new arrivals from the local clergymen in Canada. On the voyage across the Atlantic the Rev. A. A. Boddy will hold services and classes and will endeavour to provide secular and religious reading, and to promote harmless amusements among the travellers. He will be glad to post to anyone a set of Government books and papers on Canada on receipt of a newspaper wrapper (1d. stamp) properly addressed. This is the best time to emigrate, and all should read the last "Canada Circular," which he will send with the above papers. Our readers will remember Mr. Boddy's articles in the *Courant* on his travels in far distant parts of the world.—*From the Newcastle Courant, Eng.*

A REMARKABLE "SERVICE OF SONG."—The *Yorkshire Post* says that the most fitting way of celebrating Good Friday takes curious and diversified forms, according to the standpoint and feeling of the people concerned. Some people regard it with more solemnity than any other day in the year, while some make it the occasion of feasting and jollity. But what historical inaccuracy or other misapprehension can have called forth the following announcement for Good Friday?—

"PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL,
St. Thomas' Road, Spalding.

On Good Friday, April 19th, 1889,
in connection with the Spalding Working
Men's Coal Club,

A GRAND SERVICE OF SONG,
entitled

THE LIFE OF THE RIGHT HON. W. E.
GLADSTONE, M.P.,

will be given by the United Choir, conducted
by Mr. G. Hopper.

Connective Readings by Mr. J. W. White."
And to whom is the "Service" rendered?

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S
SISTER.

The bill which seeks to legalize the marriage with a deceased wife's sister made its annual appearance in the House of Lords on Thursday May the 9th., and was duly rejected, this time by a majority of 27, the bishops as usual assembling in full force and voting *en masse* against it. The Prince of Wales also, as usual, did his best to induce the peers to support the bill, and recorded his own vote in its favour. The history of the bill is curious. Years ago some wealthy men, who had contracted illegal unions with their sisters-in-law, met and agreed to subsidize an agitation in favour of the alteration of the marriage laws by means of this bill. The agitation has been since kept going, entirely by the money of the rich people personally interested in seeing the law changed. There is little popular interest in the question. The Prince of Wales originally championed the bill for family reasons, the Queen being desirous that the Princess Beatrice should marry her brother-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse. Ultimately she got tired of waiting and married young Battenberg, but the Prince of Wales