

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.

IN Trinity Church, Boston, Dr. Phillips Brooks has three assistant ministers.

THE Diocese of Louisiana has been divided into four archdeaconries, for missionary purposes.

THE LORD WINDSOR, in addition to a princely gift of £3,000 towards the erection of the new church of All Saints at Penarth, Cardiff, has presented a splendid site free of cost.

THE plan of forming a Council, or League, of the Church, to raise and purify the moral life of the people by improving the homes of the poor, has been heartily approved of by the Bishop of Oxford.

THE Sisters of Bethany, who are engaged in the parish of St. Agnes, Kennington, have determined to send out five of their number to work in Kurdistan in connection with the Archbishop of Canterbury's mission.

A CONFIRMATION service was lately held at St. David's Church, Merthyr, Wales, when the Bishop of Llandaff administered the sacred rite to about 160 candidates. In the evening the Bishop preached a Welsh sermon at St. Tydfil's.

"THERE is good reason to believe" (says the *St. James' Gazette*) "that the Prime Minister will recommend the Queen to appoint Bishop Barry to the See of St. Albans, which will become vacant early next year by the resignation of Bishop Cloughton.

THE New Cathedral for the Bishop of Indiana, at Indianapolis, has been completed. It will seat 500 people, is remote from other churches, and will be the centre of a new mission work. It has a surpliced choir, and about one hundred communicants to begin with.

THE Rev. Anson R. Graves, the Bishop elect for "The Missionary Jurisdiction of the Platte," is to be consecrated in Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, on the Feast of the Circumcision. The Bishop of Nebraska is expected to be one of his presentors.

THE proctors on each side in the case of Reed and others *versus* the Bishop of Lincoln have settled the pleadings, and therefore there will be no necessity for a hearing before Sir J. Parker Deane, the Vicar General, in order to obtain his ruling on any disputed points. The cause is now ready for hearing before the Archbishop of Canterbury and his assessors.

THE Rev. G. A. Wilkins, lately of Salisbury, Vt., has dissolved his connection with the Baptist denomination. He was received into the Church by the Rev. Wm. B. Walker, of St. Peter's, Bennington, was confirmed by Bishop Bissell, and has become a candidate for orders in the ministry of the Church. During the time preparatory to his ordination, he is serving most acceptably as Lay reader in the

parishes at Randolph and West Randolph. It is a curious coincidence that Mr. Wilkins is the third minister of the Lamoille (Baptist) Conference, who has entered the Church within three years—the other two being the Rev. Mr. Pratt and Prof Gould.

THE Bishop of London (the Right Hon. and Right Rev. Frederick Temple, D.D.), who was consecrated Bishop of Exeter on December 21, 1869, and translated to the See of London in 1885, celebrated his sixty eighth birthday lately, his Lordship having been born at Santa Maura, one of the Ionian Islands, on November 30th, 1821.

THE General Thanksgiving has been said, customarily, in St. George's, Grace, St. Thomas' and other New York city churches, by the people with the minister. But now the rectors of the St. George's and St. Thomas' have requested of their congregations that the custom be discontinued, on the ground that the action of the late General Convention had practically condemned it as unrubrical.

ENGLAND AND THE POPE.—The *Standard* correspondent, writing from Rome, asserts positively that General Sir J. Lintorn Simons's mission does not go beyond that which is already publicly known. His instructions were precise, and he has adhered to them with soldierlike clearness and brevity. "The object of the present negotiations with the Vatican," it is added, "is simply to obtain in a friendly manner that the ecclesiastical government of a diocese in which Her Majesty has so many Catholic subjects shall be brought into conformity with British laws, and carried on harmoniously with them. General Sir J. L. Simons has no mandate to treat of the possible renewal of diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican."

As an example of the importance which the Church attaches to all departments of the work which she undertakes in the Name of the Lord, we quote from Bishop Whipple's sermon at the opening of the General Convention: "There was nothing which more impressed your bishops in their late visit to England (the late Lambeth Conference), than the service in the Cathedral at Durham. The church with its thousand years of history was thronged. The chants were sung by two thousand choristers in surplices. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Western New York. This grand service was—for what? Not the consecration of a bishop, or the ordination of priests—but to set apart some Bible Readers and Lay preachers to go into collieries to tell those underground toilers of the love of Jesus Christ."

THE Rev. Allan Pitman, M.A., vicar of Christ Church, Tunstall, the Rev. M. Cecil Dickenson, and the Rev. Alfred J. Knight, curates of the same church, have forwarded their resignations to the Bishop of Lichfield, with the intention of proceeding to Canada to labor in the mission field. Mr. Pitman and Mr. Dickenson go to Canada in March next, and Mr. Knight will join them later. Mr.

Pitman was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, and has been vicar of Christ Church for about two years, being previously curate of St. Mary's, Tunstall. Mr. Dickenson, who was trained at Lichfield Theological College, has been curate of Christ Church for three years, and Mr. Knight who was a student at Chichester Theological College, has been curate at Tunstall, Stoke, and Southampton.

THE LATE BISHOP LIGHTFOOT.—The death of Bishop Lightfoot was not unexpected. A year ago he was very ill, and his life hung upon a single thread. He recovered so far that he was able last Spring to bring out a volume entitled "Essays on Supernatural Religion" in which he brought together papers of a controversial character that had been published years before, and which had been pronounced the ablest discussion of the patristic questions involved in the belief in Christianity that has been undertaken in recent times by any English writer. The papers were originally written to expose the shortcomings of the book entitled "Supernatural Religion," and have been pronounced an adequate reply to the author of that volume. This was not his only claim to recognition as an English scholar. His editions of "The Apostolic Fathers" have given him a unique reputation among the great scholars of modern times. In 1879 he succeeded Dr. Baring as Bishop of Durham, in which office he displayed gifts as a Christian statesman which made him hardly less prominent in the English Church than he had already been in theology and sacred learning. His scholarly acquirements did not weigh down his originality and independence as a man, and there was a largeness and breadth in his career as an English bishop which were appreciated quite as thoroughly outside of the English Church as within its limits. He has passed away in his sixty second year, and among the leaders in scholarship and in ecclesiastical affairs in England he will be greatly missed. He was known in this country mainly as a scholar, and his volumes are almost in the hands of every clergyman who makes the slightest pretension to a knowledge of theology. His latest book made him still more widely known as a Christian apologist. He will pass into history as one of the great scholars of the age. He died 22nd December.—*Boston Herald*

ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Some years ago, a mother, a communicant of the Church, told the writer, in the most matter-of-course way, that she gave her child, then some ten or twelve years of age, no religious instruction, because she expected her to get it in Sunday-school. In other words, she tried so far to throw off the responsibility for the welfare of her child's soul, which God had laid upon her with her motherhood, and to hand it over to strangers. With constant opportunities for teaching her child, "here a little and there a little," during the waking hours of every seven days, she thought it enough that for one hour of each seventh day the child should be in the Sunday-school.