

The Church Guardian

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"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 Rev. John Fenwick Kitto, rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, has been appointed an honorary chaplain to the Queen.

BISHOP BRANCH, Bishop-Coadjutor of Antigua, has arranged to visit Barbados to take confirmations from the 3rd to the 19th February next.

THE church property in the diocese of Kansas is valued at upwards of a million dollars. There are twenty-four churches and twenty-one rectories.

THE Convocation of the Province of Canterbury will meet for business on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 12th, 13th, and 14th of February.

DURING his Episcopate, Bishop Vail, of Kansas, provided largely from his own means, over \$40,000 for the struggling parishes and missions in the state.

AMONGST the deacons ordained at the recent ordination of the Bishop of Rochester was Dr. Megarry, LL.D. Dublin, D.C.L. Durham, recently the pastor of the Wesleyan Chapel, Eastbourne.

THE consecration of the Rev. A. R. Graves as Bishop of the Jurisdiction of the Platte, took place at Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, at 10 30 a. m. on the feast of the Circumcision, January 1st.

INNOCENTS' DAY was celebrated at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, by a special children's afternoon service. Canon Elliot and the Rev. W. Gilbert Edward officiated, and the carols 'The First Nowel,' 'The Holly and the Ivy,' 'The Babe of Bethlehem,' and other music, were sung by children from some of the local schools.

"AN ULSTER LANDLORD" describes the result of recent legislation for Irish tenants by relating an incident which occurred on his own estate a short time ago. A tenant of a farm of twenty statute acres applied for employment, explaining that he had sub let the land for £25, though his rent was only £10. This may be taken as a pretty accurate proof of the value of the farm.

THE Scotsman remarks of Christmas that 'the great festival of the Christian Church is slowly making its way in Presbyterian Scotland.' Services peculiar to the day were, it appears, held by all sorts and conditions of people all over the country. In Edinburgh special services were held in several of the Presbyterian Churches on Christmas Day, including St. Giles', St. Cuthbert's, Old Greyfriars', and the Free High Church.

THE Brighton Guardian contains an article suggesting the appointment of a Suffragan, or independent Bishop of Brighton. Statistics are quoted showing the relative position of the Church and Nonconformity in Brighton; and

it is pointed out that, owing to the rapid increase of the population of Brighton, Hove, and Preston (which form the Parliamentary Borough), and its semi-cosmopolitan character, Brighton stands in greater need of some clerical head and organizer than most other places; while this need will become greater as time goes on.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph lately unveiled a fine reredos and east window at St. David's Church, Glenadda. The reredos represents the Last Supper, with carved panels on either side surmounted by arches, the whole being crowned by a carved border with finials. The figures in bold relief are carved in Caen stone, of which the whole reredos is composed. The window represents the 'Ascension,' with the Apostles and angels bearing scrolls with the inscription, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven?'

THE Bishop of Glasgow gave an address to the students of St. Andrew's University in the large hall of Marischal College, on the evening of the 3rd Sunday in Advent. The leave of the Bishop of the diocese was first sought, and obtained on the condition that the address or sermon was not to be given during the time of the Church's evensong. The Bishop was habited in his episcopal robes, he used the collects of the Church for the devotional part of the service before and after the address, the subject of which was 'prayer, and the advantage of pre-composed form of prayer.' The address was admirable and made a deep impression.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.—The Reformed Episcopal Church building in St. Paul, Minnesota, has been bought by the Church Missionary Society of that city and will be moved into a good locality and used for a Mission chapel. Thus ends the effort to establish in our diocese this most unnecessary schism. It started about twelve years ago, when Rev. Dr. E. D. Neill made an effort to establish a society in Minneapolis. Not receiving enough encouragement here, he transferred his efforts to St. Paul, where he built this church. Some time after this he gave up the work and the Rev. H. F. Butler was called to succeed him. His efforts also proved fruitless, and now that which was built to oppose the Church will be used to further her cause.

OMINOUS FOR ROMANISM.—The news which comes to us from Rome of a new paper called the *Cronaca Nera* (the 'Black Chronicle') is not a little startling. It is a clerical paper, started 'as the champion of the lower against the higher clergy,' and it will, without offending religious sentiment 'give battle to the potentates of the higher clergy, unmasking their vices and crimes.' The object of 'the lower clergy' in this venture is, we are assured, simply to get at the ear of the Pope, who is kept in ignorance, they declare, of their many grievances and of the ill doings of their superiors. The *Cronaca Nera* has naturally caused much excitement among 'the higher clergy;' and their organ, the *Osservatore Romano*, is furious and abusive in its remarks

about it. The Holy Father himself has been appealed to to put a stop to the thing; but he has refused to do so, and has even gone the length of saying, that if abuses exist, why then it is but right that they should be laid bare. On the question of ecclesiastical morality the *Cronaca* is very outspoken, and boldly asserts that the only cure for the monstrous evil is the abolition of clerical celibacy. The attacks which it makes upon the cardinals and other ecclesiastics in high positions are not general and vague, but perfectly specific as to names and details. The paper seems to have quickly met with a large audience, for already its circulation is stated to amount to nearly 38,000 a day. Now this is not unnatural if we suppose that in some degree this extensive circulation is due to curiosity and a temporary excitement. Neither is it unnatural that the opposition organs should speak of the *Cronaca* as set going by men who are at heart Protestants; though it is certainly curious that the *Osservatore Romano* should call its directors, as if in the bitterest scorn, Jesuits. The non-clerical papers in Italy are watching this clerical quarrel with interest indeed, but calmly. Probably that will be the attitude of most of us. But that such a quarrel should be taking place, and that the Pope himself should be unwilling to do more than give fair play to the opposite sides in it, is worthy of consideration.—*Church Bells*.

THE remains of the late Dr. Lightfoot arrived on Tuesday night, the 26th December, at Durham, and were placed in the Chapel of the Nine Altars in the Cathedral. While the body was being conveyed from the station to the College the bells of the Cathedral rang a muffled peal. On the morning of the 27th inst., at eight o'clock, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral, and also in the chapel at Bishop Auckland. Business was entirely discontinued in Durham, and from an early hour special trains were bringing in clergy and laity from all parts of the diocese. Flags were at half-mast high on all the public buildings, and the bells of the churches tolled throughout the morning. At eleven o'clock the Dean and Chapter and honorary canons assembled in the Chapter House, the Bishops and their chaplains and personal friends at the house of the Archdeacon of Durham, the clergy of the diocese in the Gallery, and other persons of distinction in the Cathedral Library. At half-past eleven the Cathedral clergy met the body, the bier being covered with a magnificent violet pall and the choicest flowers, at the juncture of the south aisle and the transept, whence it had been brought from the Chapel of the Nine Altars. The body was borne by the Bishop's pupils at Auckland Castle, followed by the Rev. H. Robertson, Miss Lightfoot, and other relatives, and preceded by a chaplain bearing the pastoral staff. After the relatives followed the chaplains and archdeacons of the diocese, Bishop Sandford, the Archbishop of Canterbury, attended by the Dean of Windsor as his chaplain, the Bishops of Carlisle, Newcastle, Ripon, Edinburgh, followed by their chaplains. The procession passed down the south aisle and was joined at the south west door of the nave by the Lord-Lieutenant of the