

"Our Church," says *Church Bells*, "is the poorer by the death of Canon Woodard, the well-known founder and provost of S. Nicholas' College, and senior canon of Manchester Cathedral. He died on Saturday, in his eighty first year, at his house at Henfield, Sussex. Many years ago, while curate-in-charge at Shoreham, he wrote a pamphlet entitled *A Plea for the Middle Classes*, which received a great deal of attention at the time. In this pamphlet he put forward a scheme for providing public-school education for the middle classes and lower middle classes on the lines of the Church of England. In the same year he was instrumental in founding the Society of SS. Mary and Nicholas, and colleges have been built in connexion with this Society at Lancing, Hurstpierpoint, and Ardingly, in Sussex, while King's College, Taunton, and S. Nicholas', Bognor, the latter a school for girls, have been added. Later on his scheme was developed by the foundation of the Society of SS. Mary and John of Lichfield, of which Cannon Lowe became provost, and in connexion with which colleges have been instituted at Denstone, Dewsbury, Ellesmere, Abbots Bromley, and Bangor, the last two being girls' schools. The University of Oxford recognised his good work on behalf of Church education by conferring upon him the D.C.L. degree in 1870, and in the same year he was appointed to a Canonry at Manchester. Of late years he had grown very feeble in health, and was scarcely able to carry out his official duties. He has been one of the greatest friends of middle-class education,

on Church lines, that this century has seen."

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The Duke of Connaught has consented to lay the foundation stone of the Church House in London, on July 1st. This great and much needed undertaking was commenced at the time of the Queen's Jubilee. An admirable site was purchased, with the subscriptions then raised, close to Westminster Abbey.

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The election of Dr. Phillips Brooks, the well-known clergyman of Boston, as Bishop of the diocese of Massachusetts, by a considerable majority, is creating no small stir in the United States. There can be no doubt of his eloquence and ability, but in several of his writings and speeches he has virtually derided the doctrine of the Apostolic succession, and further, he has even taken part with *Unitarian* ministers in union services.

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The Provincial Synod of the West Indies met at Barbadoes on February 28th, and unanimously elected Archdeacon Holme, M.A., as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Honduras.

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Bishop Caldwell, the aged missionary Bishop who has long had the oversight of the Church work in Tinnevely in India, and labored with great success, has resigned.

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"Bishop Williams of Connecticut, U. S., recently wrote a reply to a young Hartford man about to be married," says the *Living Church*, "I regret, Sir, that it is without my province to order the word *obey* omitted from the mar-