

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 Bishop of North Dakota ordained Rev. Charles McLean, formerly a Presbyterian minister, at Grand Forks on St. Thomas Day.

THE total number of confirmations in the diocese of Carlisle, Eng., for the past year is returned at 3183, and the total number in three years (1888-90) 11,583.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph, Wales, in two letters to the *Times*, has given proof in Nonconformist papers of the accuracy of his statements as to the decline of Welsh Calvinistic Methodism.

BISHOP BARRY was installed Canon of Windsor lately by the Dean. At the close of the service, in accordance with the prescribed ceremonial, he bowed thrice—once to the altar, again to the Queen's seat, and lastly to the Dean.

THE Church in the diocese of Melbourne, Australia, has made considerable progress during the past nine years. In 1880 there were 197 churches, 110 clergy, and 36 readers; in 1889 there were 309 churches, 160 clergy, and 73 readers.

LORD LING, on behalf of Bishop Philpott's friends in the diocese of Worcester, Eng., has addressed a letter to the aged prelate enclosing a cheque for £1,348 7s 9d, for "The Philpott Fund," and asks his acceptance of a silver inkstand as a memento.

A BEAUTIFUL oak reredos has been erected at Leigh Parish Church, England. The reredos, which stands upon a base of alabaster, has five main panels, with representations of four northern early saints, viz.: St. Aidan, St. Chad, St. Guthbert, and St. Kentigern.

It is intended to place in Highclere Church (London) some fitting memorial of the late Earl of Carnarvon, through whose munificence the beautiful edifice was erected some years ago, and as his Lordship was in the habit of reading the Lessons in the church, it is proposed that the memorial should take the form of a brass lectern.

THE Bishop of Marlborough presided last week at a meeting in Kensington, Eng., in support of the Social Scheme of the Church Army, and pointed out that 'General' Booth's project was nothing to be compared to what was being done by the Church of England. The Rev. W. Carlile described the progress made with the Church Army work.

As an example of the quiet and unostentatious work being done by the Church in the East End, we take the following from the *East London Church Chronicle*:—"In St. Peter's, Mile-end, is a disreputable blind alley called Eagle-place. The freeholder has recently given one of the houses for a Deaconess to live in, rent-free, at the nomination of the vicar. The "slum Sister" gathers some children for instruction on Sunday afternoon, and holds a class for factory girls during the week, and the

effect of her example in teaching cleanly and godly living is already apparent in the court."

CANON McCOLL is strongly of opinion that the Court of Appeal will uphold the judgment. He adds (in a letter to the *Rock*):—"An eminent lawyer said to me lately that the Lincoln judgment was one of the most masterly and luminous legal decisions that had ever been delivered in this country, and that the legal profession was much impressed by its judicial breadth and strength."

DR. HAROLD BROWN, in a letter acknowledging the parting present received from the people of Farnham, Eng., observes that for over a thousand years the town has been closely associated with the Bishops of the diocese. He recalls the fact that St. Swithin, who died in 862, was the first Episcopal owner of Farnham Castle, and expresses doubt whether any one of St. Swithin's successors had lived there so constantly during his episcopate as he himself had done.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph, Wales, said at the special rural deanery meeting of clergy and laity at Oswestry: "I have seen something of the work of the Church Army in this diocese, and also in a large parish in South Wales. I must speak in the highest terms of the work of the Church Army captains. I have not before now, as others have, expressed this formally, but I mean to do so on all suitable occasions. I hope to see more of the Church Army Evangelists employed in the various parishes of this diocese."

ON the Feast of the Epiphany, the customary offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh was made on behalf of the Queen in the Chapel Royal St. James' Palace. The Hon. Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, K.C.B., and Captain Walter Stopford, gentlemen ushers in waiting, attended and presented Her Majesty's gift. The Bishop of London, Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard (sub dean), the Rev. H. A. Cotton, and the Rev. E. W. Kempe, and the Holy Communion was celebrated.

It has been decided to commemorate Bishop Thorold's connection with the diocese of Rochester, England—which after thirteen years, is no about to end—by erecting a chancel screen or choir stalls in the restored church of St. Saviour, Southwark. The idea is a particularly happy one in view of the great interest which the Bishop of Rochester takes in this grand old church—some day to be, in the not very distant future, we hope, the Cathedral for South London—which is now in course of being restored under the care of Sir Arthur Blomfield.

THE new Christ Church Mission Church, Old Ford-road, London E., has been opened by the Bishop of Bedford. The memorial stone was laid in July last by the Countess of Meath. The church is situated in a district with a population of 5,000 of the poorer class. The total cost of the undertaking is £2,500, and only £400 remains to be raised to free the com-

mitted from debt. The new church is built in the Early English style, freely treated, 57 feet by 32 feet, and with schoolroom, vestry, and residence the area covered is about 220 feet. A large congregation attended the opening service. The Bishop preached from Psalm cv. 1.

THE distress in East London, although severe, during the severe weather lately experienced in England, has happily not been so terribly widespread as might have been feared. Such parishes at Whitechapel and Shoreditch have suffered greatly, but the Church organizations are strong and well-worked there, and the efforts of the clergy have been most painstaking and successful. The Bishop of Bedford was asked whether the Parochial clergy gave relief only to Churchmen. Here is his characteristic answer: "We do not deal with congregations, but with territorial districts, and no distinction of creed comes in. Indeed, our attention is often drawn to cases of distress and sickness by officers of Nonconformist bodies, and we relieve them from ordinary motives of Christian charity, and with no *arriere pensee* that if we set them up again they must come to Church."

THE *St. James' Gazette* has deliberately charged 'General' Booth with lending Salvation Army funds to Mr. Stead, and he has not yet contradicted the accusation. Yet he claims to have the sole control of the large sums of money for which he is appealing. He has got enough funds to cease talking and to abandon theory for practice. Let us see what he can accomplish. Meanwhile, the Bishop of Bedford, Mr. Kitto, the rector of Whitechapel, and a consensus of authorities declare that at the East end the 'General' is unknown in the slums. The vicar of Greenwich, indeed, in a lecture at Holy Trinity, Paddington, on a late Sunday blessed the scheme altogether, and anathematized all and sundry who opposed it, though he himself had no fears that the 'General' would himself ruin it by extending its benefits to improper objects. Churchmen, will however, agree far more with the views enunciated in the same parish in a very able sermon at St. Saviour's by the Rev. Marshall Tweddell, in which he protested against distinctive Church agencies, like the Church Army and the Waifs and Strays Society, being ignored. He contended, moreover, that Churchmen had no right to support a scheme which ignored the Sacraments, and treated holy things in a manner that savoured of blasphemy, a point insisted on by the Bishop of Wakefield in a letter to the Bishop of Bedford.—*The Church Review*.

THE Rev. Richard Banks Hodgson, formerly a priest of the Roman Church, was on Thursday, Jan. 16, formally received into the Communion of the English Church in Holy Trinity, Boulogne-sur-Mer, by the Rev. Edward R. Parr, M.A., the chaplain, Colonial and Continental Church Society. The service used on that occasion was that issued by the S.P.C.K., and approved by Mr. Hodgson, who has thus returned into the membership of the English Church, was ordained a priest of the Roman Church, in the Basilica St. Scholastica, Subiaco, near Rome, on Oct. 13, 1889, by Bishop Jordan Ballsiper, Bishop in partibus of Thessalonica and