

# The Church Guardian

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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.

WHEN John Wesley was told the English clergy were chaff, he said: "It may be, but if it is chaff in the pulpit, you get fine wheat from the desk."

THE site of St. Helen's Hall, Portland, Ore., purchased for \$10,000, has been sold for \$100,000. The purchase money was supplied by the late Mr. John D. Wolfe and his daughter, the late Miss Catherine Wolfe, of New York.

LLANDAFF, Wales, the Diocese in which Cardiff is situated, is the oldest see in Britain, and its "Bishop's Stool" has never been removed from its original position. Some put the foundation as far back as A. D. 180.

THE course of instruction at the Cathedral School of St. Paul's, Garden City, L. I., covers six years, and there are one hundred pupils in its various forms. The handsome annual catalogue gives a full account of the institution.

ON Ash Wednesday a lady in New York handed Rev. Dr. Jaeger a check for \$2,000 for the Colored Orphan Asylum, at Lynchburg, Va., saying that as she was unable to fast, she made this gift as a real act of self-denial. The same lady had given \$1,000 to the same cause a month ago.

A MR. WOOLLEY, who has been representing himself as a candidate for orders, and lay reader in the Church, and thus imposing himself upon the Church people in Detroit, Mich., and elsewhere in that diocese, is unworthy of confidence. He was advertised as an impostor last year by Bishop Knickerbocker. Church people generally are warned against him.

THE unbroken continuity of the history of the Church of England has been illustrated by the re-dedication of the ancient Norman church at Mitford. The church, which was so old that it had actually lost its title, has been restored and partially rebuilt, and rededicated to God in the name of St. Mary Magdalene. It is, as far as can be ascertained, about eight hundred years since it was first dedicated.

IN South Dakota there is no corner of the Indian country, where a pretty little mission house or chapel, and a worshipping congregation may not be found. There are forty-six congregations of Indians, and 1,650 communicants. There are nine persons of the Sioux or Dakota race in Holy Orders; and the contributions of these Indians last year amounted to twenty-five hundred dollars.

IN last year's report of the National Divorce Reform League, of which Bishop Paddock, of Massachusetts, is president, it is stated that the number of divorces in the United States, during twenty years, was 328,716. From 9,937 in 1867, they increased to 25,535 in 1886, or 157 per cent. against an increase of 60 per cent. in population. The cancerous evil affects all parts of the body politic, but in a preeminent degree Illinois, with 36,072 divorces; Ohio, 26,367, and Indiana with 25,193. Full eighty per cent. of

all our divorces are granted in the State where the parties were married.—*The Churchman*, N. Y.

THE late J. H. Shoenberger, of New York, bequeathed to the Board of Missions of the Church, fifty thousand dollars; to St. Margaret's Memorial Hospital, Pittsburgh, Penn., eight hundred thousand dollars; to Trinity Church, in that city, one hundred thousand dollars; to the Seabury Divinity School, Fairbault, thirty five thousand dollars, and to diocesan missions in the diocese of Pittsburg, thirty thousand dollars.

THE sum of forty thousand dollars, necessary to wipe out the indebtedness on St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, U. S., has just been raised. The beautiful church and chapel with the lands have cost in all two hundred and ten thousand dollars. Twenty-five thousand dollars were realized from the sale of the old property, and the remaining one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars have been raised by the friends and members of the church. St. Paul's is said to be the finest church building in the Northwest.

THE *Christian Union* expresses the hope that the time will soon come when all Christians will keep Lent, and the *Christian at Work* says if they keep Christmas and Easter, why not Lent? Brother Jasper, of Richmond, Va., was catching at a glimmer of the truth when he said, "The sun do move;" he saw things even if he saw them darkly. Christian unity may yet be a long way off, but unity of ritual will be a long step toward it. It is not the fundamental verities that keep religious people apart, it is the difference between Sibboleth and Shibboleth.

BISHOP BLYTH, of Jerusalem, has given some interesting facts concerning the Holy Land. He says that the return of the Jews is remarkable. In 1841 there were only 5,000 Jews in Palestine. In 1883 they numbered 23,000, but now 70,000 nearly double the number that returned from Babylonian Captivity. Further, the fertilizing rains, known as the "latter rains," which had been withheld since the times of the exile, had been granted again during the past two years, and everything seemed to show that land was being prepared for the return of the Jews to their promised land.

THE Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, of the P. E. Church of the U. S., in their appeal for the Children's Lenten Offerings, say: "The power and usefulness of the plan have been well proved by experience wherever it has been introduced. The result during the Lent of 1889, in which 1,629 Sunday schools raised \$46,705, shows the value of a simultaneous movement among children in behalf of missions. What might be accomplished if in each Sunday school, rector, officers, teachers and scholars would move together with one heart to make the Lenten offering for missions a distinctive feature of Church life and a measure of its growth!"

THE Bishop of Derry, in his sermon at

the opening of the Church Congress in Wales, said strongly:—

"This is what we are set to do and witness—that alone among us, in Reformed Communion, are children taught that in baptism they are made children of God: that alone among us, in confirmation, together with the grace of strength, young Christians are singly and specially brought into connection with the gifts of the Spirit; that alone among us it is proclaimed that the Body of Christ is 'given, taken, eaten'—only after 'a heavenly and spiritual manner' while Faith reveres a Presence which she does not make, but perceives."

A RECTOR in Mississippi writes, under date of January 20th last, as follows: "My attention was called to a paragraph in the last *Spirit of Missions* where a mission of 28 communicants is described which collects about \$40 for missionary work, diocesan and general. My own parish, numbering 48 communicants, every one of them poor, collects yearly \$40 for foreign missions, \$770 the past year for domestic missions, and \$55 for diocesan missions, besides its assessment of \$55 towards the support of the Bishop. For missions alone, that would equal \$102; including the Bishop's assessment (for the whole Diocese is missionary,) it would give us a record of \$157.70. I mention this because it is done entirely through a systematic plan of small offerings from every one. I am convinced that no parish knows what it can do under a systematic plan until it has made the trial."

THE Old Palace, Croydon, a famous relic of past ages, indeed one of the earliest shrines of Christianity in England, was purchased by the Duke of Newcastle more than two years ago, and presented to the Sisters of the Church that it might be restored to a religious use. The Sisters have, after much deliberation determined to utilize the venerable building for the purpose of religious education, and have converted the fine old guard room into a middle class day school. They hope that when once the expenses of the start are overcome the school will, with the aid of the government grant be self-supporting. *Pro Ecclesia Dei* was the last utterance of Archbishop Whitgift, a prelate whose memory is held in special veneration at Croydon, and whose love for the poor, and whose zeal for religious education, find their lasting memorial in the noble almshouses and grammar school which bear his name. *Pro Ecclesia Dei* is the motto which has roused the Old Palace from its sleep of centuries, and stirred it up to take its place once more in active service for God and His Church.

THE site of Holy Trinity, New York, in the midst of the Vanderbilt railroads, is valued at \$600,000, and that sum has been refused for it. *Business*, like another Naboth, wants all the vineyards that join its possessions. But the congregation is large, despite the unfavorable surroundings; they do not propose to be bought or driven out. They are doing a good work, especially among the poor. It has just cleared its debt on its summer house, with its fifteen acres of land, to which it sends many a sick and weary one for a little outing amid the op-