

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, 21.
"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

DURING last year the Confirmations in Rhode Island were the largest in the history of the Diocese.

IN Ireland the returns show that the Protestant minority has been steadily gaining in numbers since 1891.

ST. CATHARINE'S HALL, Augusta, Me., the Diocesan School for girls, has been closed owing to want of support.

AMONG the confirmed in New York parishes lately were four hundred who had been educated as Dissenters.

ON Sunday, June 11th, the service of the Greek Orthodox Church was held for the first time in Lowell, Mass.

SIX hundred thousand bouquets were distributed by the Flower and Fruit Mission, New York city, during last year.

A NEW vested girl choir has been formed in Trinity parish, Syracuse, in which there are 39 young girls and 10 young men.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS was lately received from a generous Church family of Newport, R.I., for the Episcopal fund of the Diocese.

DR. LUNN, a prominent Welsh Wesleyan, has determined to come into the Church. Nonconformists do not seem happy over the defection of Dr. Lunn.

The bi-centennial celebration of St. Paul's parish in the Diocese of Easton, U.S. took place last May. The parish records date from 1679, and the Holy vessels from 1699.

DURING the past year two large gifts were made to the Diocese of Delaware, one of "Bishopstead," valued at \$21,000, and another of \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund.

THE REV. GEORGE HODGES, D.D., co-adjutor elect to Bishop Morris, of Oregon, is also regarded as one of the strong men of the Church who will exercise large influence in future.

CHRIST CHURCH, Gardiner, Me., celebrated its centennial on the 13th and 14th of June last. In honor of the event the Convention of the Diocese was held there instead of in Portland.

THE 25th anniversary of the consecration of the Bishop of Albany is to be marked by a contribution of \$25,000 from the laity of the diocese, which is now being provided for by a special committee.

THE Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Vermont, Rev. Dr. Samuel Hart, is a priest of the Church

well-known for his learned and godly conversation. He is very highly spoken of by *The Churchman*, of New York.

THE seventh annual festival of the Choir Guild of Central New York was held on the octave of the Ascension at St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse. Eleven choirs were represented, and there were about 330 choristers in the procession, of whom nearly 75 were women and girls in vestments.

"No such religious progress has there been in the whole history of Christendom as that made by the Church of England within the last fifty years." Such was the testimony of the leader of a great English Nonconformist body, quoted by Archbishop Maclagan at Albert Hall, London.

THE REV. W. D. MORGAN, pastor of the Guilford Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and one of the leading ministers in the Baltimore Methodist Conference, has left the ministry of the Methodist Church, and applied to Bishop Paret for orders. He was confirmed by Bishop Paret lately. Dr. Morgan is a graduate of Dickinson College, and noted as a pulpit orator. He has been very successful in Pittsburgh as rector of Calvary Church.

ORDINATIONS were held on Trinity Sunday in England by the two Archbishops and thirty Bishops. The Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Lichfield only ordained priests. There were 233 admitted to the *Diaconate*, and 272 deacons were advanced to the *Priesthood*. Of these 169 were graduates of Oxford, 162 of Cambridge, 28 of Durham, 19 of Lampeter, 16 of Dublin, 12 of London, 4 of the University of Ireland, and one of Aberdeen.

THE Lenten Sunday School offerings in Pennsylvania Diocese amounted last year to \$10,095.52. For the sixteen years that offerings of missions had been so taken up the figures reached \$87,536.63. There were special offerings in those years amounting to \$30,265.37, and ten years' Advent offerings additional, \$9,091.20, making a grand total of \$125,893.20, showing conclusively what children can do in behalf of the Church.

THE story is told of a request at a revival meeting for every man who had paid his debts to stand up. They rose *en masse*. Those who had not paid their debts were then asked to rise likewise. One individual responded. "My good man," said the evangelist, "have you not paid your debts?" "No," said he "I have not paid them and I cannot pay them. I am the editor of a religious periodical, and nearly every member of this congregation owes me for my paper." Publishers of religious newspapers will doubtless appreciate the situation.

To such an extent have the Sisterhoods of the Anglican Church multiplied within thirty-

five years that the statistics here given may surprise many people. Of those in England, the order of "All Saints" has 18 branches and 32 large works of mercy dependent upon it. The "Clever" community has 11 branches and works, and is found labouring in 12 London parishes. "East Grinstead" has 15 branches and 19 important works; and "Wantage" works in nine branches. Of these four orders all are represented in India, one in Africa and three in the United States. The "Kilburn" Sisters manage five orphanages, 13 day schools, three convalescent houses, and eleven branches of educational and missionary work. There are 15 separate American orders at work in the United States, of which the Sisterhood of St. Mary, of New York, is represented in fifteen different branches. Thirty years ago members of one of these English orders were mobbed in the streets of London, such a prejudice was there then against the revival of these communities.—*Church Eclectic*.

A MEMORABLE DEMONSTRATION.

By G. H. F. NYE.

"The Church in Wales is an advancing Church, an Active Church, a Living Church, and, I hope very distinctly, a rising Church from elevation to elevation."* These words spoken *but two years ago* by Mr. Gladstone, were uppermost in my mind, as on a long-to-be remembered day—Tuesday, May 16,—I cast my eyes over the vast multitude of upturned, earnest faces of men and women, gathered together in their thousands, in solemn protest against the passing into law of a Bill which has been regarded throughout the length and breadth of the land by religious-minded people of all classes as one of the most unjust, as it is certainly one of the most unpopular, measures, ever laid upon the table of the British House of Commons. Indeed, it may be said with truth that no Bill, within living memory, has been introduced into the House which has met with such widespread, nay, such universal, condemnation, by friend and foe alike, as the so-called Welsh Suspensory Bill.

In a previous number of this *Review* I gave it as my opinion that this Bill would be the means of spreading a better knowledge of the Church and its worth amongst the people, in which case few of us would regret its introduction. I have not abated my opinion one jot. I am more firmly wedded to it *to-day than ever*; for I am persuaded that the introduction of this measure has opened the eyes of thousands of thinking men and women to a much clearer understanding of the designs of the Liberationists than they ever possessed before.

The story of the Albert Hall meeting, and of the solemn and important religious ceremony which preceded it in St. Paul's Cathedral, has ere this been written by many a more skilful and graphic pen than mine, therefore I desire to give not a descriptive account of the scene of a lifetime, but merely my own impressions concern-