

# 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.

NEARLY all the churches in New York city are holding special Advent Services during the week.

A suitable altar, altar cross and desk have been presented to the chapel of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Me.

THE 225th meeting of the Eastern Convocation of Massachusetts was held in St. Paul's parish, Newbury Port, on November 27th.

THE Central Council of the G.F.S. met in Cleveland, O., 20th to 22nd Nov.; 67 new branches were reported as formed during the year.

"DR. PUSEY," says a reviewer of his life, "had a real love of the poor, and it was his joy that the work of St. Saviour, Leeds, had found a welcome among the poor."

THE Rev. Dr. Stone, of Philadelphia, formerly of St. Martin's church, Montreal, has accepted the Rectorship of St. James' church, Chicago, and will enter upon his duties about January 1st.

AT the eighth Diocesan Conference of the Diocese of Newcastle, held a short time ago, it was resolved: "That in the opinion of this Conference free and open churches should be the rule, not the exception, in this land."

THE Rt. Rev. Dr. Blyth, Bishop of the Church of England in Jerusalem, states that there are probably more Hebrews in the sacred city at the present time than there were in the days of our Lord, and that it is rapidly becoming a Jewish city.

THE Rt. Rev. William Bell White Howe, Bishop of South Carolina, died at his home in Charleston on November 25. He was consecrated Assistant Bishop of that Diocese in 1871, and became the sixth Bishop of the See in December of the same year. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Ellison Capers, who was elected Assistant Bishop in 1893.

THE new Zabriskie Memorial Church of St. John the Evangelist, Newport, R.I., was consecrated on November 22. A tablet in the church has the inscription, "To the glory of God and in memory of Sarah Jane Zabriskie. This church is erected by her daughter, A.D. 1894." The structure is of stone in thirteenth century English style with cruciform shape.

THE Pope has spoken again as he may have spoken in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and has charged some theologians to make inquiry into the validity of Anglican ordinations. An influential Cardinal has declared at Rome that

the Pope has an earnest desire, according to the language of his Holiness, to do something similar to that which has been done for the Eastern schismatics, and lead to an rapprochement with Anglicanism. The Pope does not know how to go about this without arousing the susceptibilities of the Protestants, but it is certain that he will seize an early opportunity of publicly announcing his intentions.—*The Churchman*, N. Y.

THE Church of the Advent, Boston, was consecrated on December 1st with imposing ceremony. There were present besides the Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Lawrence) the Rt. Rev. C. C. Grafton, Bishop of Fond du Lac, and the Rt. Rev. H. A. Neely, Bishop of Maine, and a large number of Clergy, who, with the Wardens and the Vestry of the church, entered in procession. The musical part of the service was especially fine rendered under the direction of the renowned organist, Mr. S. B. Whitney, whose fame extends throughout the States.

THE Emperor of Germany, when receiving, a few weeks ago a deputation of the General Synod, then assembled in Berlin, expressed a special wish that the churches should always be kept open, even when there was no Divine Service. The Empress, he said, wished this also. It was true, he went on to say, that this keeping the churches open caused some difficulties, but a good beginning had been made in some churches, and by it a spirit of religion might be promoted in many classes of the population. For religion had still a power among the people, and even the subversive forces of the times had often been obliged to halt before it.

AT a public meeting in the Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, on the 21st Nov., with the most Rev. the Primus, President of the Church Association, in the chair, the following resolutions were adopted:—1. Proposed by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway: "That the letting or appropriation of seats in churches tends to obscure the truth of the common brotherhood of Christians, and in practice is a serious hindrance to the missionary work of the Church of God." 2: Proposed by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Andrews: "That the keeping of our churches open all day, and available for private devotion, is of increasing importance in these days." 3. Proposed by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Moray: "That the fuller recognition of the practice of weekly offerings, as a part of Christian worship, points out the most hopeful method of providing for any financial loss which may arise from the giving up of seats rents."

THE Normal Course of the Church Sunday School Institute, Detroit, Mich., presents this year "Early English Church History." On Nov. 23 the Rev. L. S. Stevens, of Pontiac, lectured on "How the Church was Planted in Britain,

and What we know of the Early British Church"; on Nov. 30 the Rev. S. W. Frisbie, of St. James', Detroit, lectured on "St. Augustine of Canterbury and the Mission to the Anglo Saxons"; on Dec. 7 the Rev. John Munday, of Port Huron, lectured on "The Partial Failure of this Mission and the Success of the Celtic Missionaries"; and on Dec. 14 the Rev. William Hamilton Morgan, of Emmanuel, Detroit, lectured on "Anglo-Saxon Christianity." On the same evenings, after the lectures, debates are held on related subjects as follows: 1, "Was St. Paul ever in Britain?" 2, "Was St. Peter ever at Rome?" 3, "Was St. Patrick a Protestant?" and 4, "Was the Church of England a branch of the Church of Rome?" To the list of books recommended for reading have been added Lane's "Illustrated Notes on English Church History," two vols., and McConnell's "History of the American Episcopal Church." Examinations will be provided by the committee if a desire be expressed for them by as many as ten teachers.

THE following as to the Diocese of Chicago is taken from the Diocesan paper, written by the Rev. T. N. Morrison:

"When the Bishop came to Chicago the city had a population of only some 300,000 souls. The diocese was poor, the clergy divided among themselves, and the laity generally indifferent. Bishop McLaren did the work of bishop, priest, and deacon, all in one. He gave himself to nursing and developing the weak missions in the suburbs and outskirts of the city. He did everything himself, because there was no one who seemed to care whether any advance was made or not. The city grew, and the work grew with it. The diocese was at last united and harmonious. The mission work began to appeal successfully for help. Institutions were founded, erected, and their work made permanent by the beginning of endowment funds. Outside, as well as inside, the diocese, the work has increased and the Bishop, an older man than when he came to Chicago, has year by year borne a heavier load of responsibility, and done an increasing amount of work. It is all well enough when are dead to praise their devotion, and lay the tribute of honor and affection on their tombs. Now while the Bishop is alive, and another is editing their paper, may we not express the conviction of many in the diocese, that God did indeed call Bishop McLaren to be head of this diocese; that his episcopate will be considered when he lays his burden down—which God grant may be years hence—to have done for the Church in the West what Bishop Hobart's episcopate did in its day for New York City and the Church in the East? In the chaotic state, religiously, in which we were twenty years ago, and in this intelligent but restless population, was needed a clear brain, an earnest purpose, a masterful conviction, a strong hand. The foundations of a loyal Churchmanship have been well laid, and others will build upon it, by and by, all will rejoice to gether when the Church in Chicago is the power it is destined to become.