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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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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

From a desire to bring THE CHURCH GUARDIAN more fully within the reach of every Church family in the Dominion, and to meet the many requests that have been made for a reduction in price, owing to the "hard times," we have determined to make the subscription,

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the rate remaining one dollar and a half if not so paid. This reduction will take effect on and from the FIRST OF MARCH now next. Present subscribers, on paying up arrears at old rates to, and before that date, may renew at the reduced rate; the year reckoning then from the first of March. New subscriptions will be received at the dollar rate. We cannot, however, receive subscriptions for less than one year. Nor can we accept orders to discontinue before the expiration of the yearly term.

We would ask subscribers also to note that, in accordance with business announcements in the past, all subscriptions are not only annual, but are continued on from year to year, unless otherwise ordered before the expiration of the current yearly term.

We would further request that subscribers would be particular to give, when remitting, or asking change of address, or desiring to discontinue, the post-office address to which the paper has been sent. A great loss of time to us, and frequently annoyance to subscribers themselves, result from oversight in this respect.

This reduction to one dollar per annum is a return, we believe, to the original subscription price of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, and renders it **THE CHEAPEST CHURCH OF ENGLAND PAPER IN THE DOMINION.**

And assured as we have been of the satisfaction felt in all quarters with the course pursued by the CHURCH GUARDIAN in the past, and receiving expressions of good wishes for its success, we trust that our action may meet with a hearty response from Clergy and Laity, evidenced by greater interest in every Parish and Diocese in increasing its circulation, and that ere the year closes we may be able to announce an issue of at least 10,000 copies per week. We believe our present weekly output of 5,000 copies to be nearly DOUBLE that of any other Church paper in the Ecclesiastical Province; but it surely is not too much to expect that at least 10,000 subscribers may be

had from among the Church of England people of the Dominion.

We hope for the earnest support and assistance of Clergy and Laity in this effort to make the CHURCH GUARDIAN a greater power for good to the Church at large.

JOHN WESLEY'S SERMON ON "THE DUTY OF CONSTANT COMMUNION."

We have received repeated requests to publish the above Sermon in full, and have determined to do so in the CHURCH GUARDIAN of the 17th February. We give two weeks notice in order that, if extra numbers be required, they may be ordered on or before the 12th February, so that the weeks issue may be increased, every one of the 5,000 copies presently struck off weekly being required. These extra copies will be supplied at 2½ cents each.

ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

In the year of grace 1871 the Roman Catholic papers announced with a great flourish of trumpets that Lord Robert Montague had joined the Roman Church. In the year of grace 1886 the same journals never advert to the fact that the same Lord Robert Montague has just returned to the bosom of the Church of England. They feel that there are times when silence is golden.

With reference to the above statement that Lord R. Montague had now left the Church of Rome and returned to the Church of England, the noble Lord writes to the *Banner*:—"It is more than three years since Lord R. Montagu renounced and denounced the Church of Rome. It was on June 19, 1882, that he wrote a long letter to Cardinal Manning with this purpose, pointing out, from the Pastorals of the Cardinal and of other Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Ireland, the anti-Christian and revolutionary character of the Bishops of that Church. Recent facts have revealed them in that character, for all who care to see for themselves. And if it were not for the inveterate principle of falsehood which, for ten centuries and more (since the time of Isidoro Peccator), has pervaded that Church—the Church of Rome would now be universally recognized as 'The Revolution.'"

RELIGIOUS boycotting is added to Ireland's troubles. The Roman Bishop of Ossory has declared that any of his people who, without the proper ecclesiastical dispensation, marry non-Romanists, together with those who act as witnesses to the marriage, are, *ipso facto*, excommunicate, and "cannot be absolved by any priest in the Diocese of Ossory, unless by the bishop or by those to whom he grants special faculties." Thus, while the agrarian murderer or the cowardly and savage assassin can receive absolution on the usual easy conditions, the simple peasant or the well-conducted moral-living citizen is to suffer excommunication for his "most grievous mortal sin" in contracting matrimony with a pious, well-conducted Protestant. Is a religious war to be added to Ire-

land's other possible troubles?—*The Churchman*.

PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.—According to the *Official Year Book*, the present position of the Church in England is as follows:—Archbishops, 2; Bishops, 31; Suffragan Bishops, 4; Retired Colonial Bishops, 10; Deans, 31; Archdeacons, 85; Rural Deans, 630; Clergy of all classes, about 23,000. Probably about one-fifth of these are without parochial charge, being engaged in education, etc. The total number of benefices is 18,500. The income of the Established Church may be estimated at £8,000,000 per annum, of which half only is endowment. In Scotland there are 7 Bishops and about 230 Clergy. In the British colonies and dependencies, and on mission stations, there are 73 Bishoprics and about 2,750 Clergy.

A YEAR'S VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.—The committee of the *Official Year Book* have recently endeavored to ascertain what was voluntarily contributed during the year 1884 for the purposes of church extension, and the result of the inquiries that have been made appears in the following summary:—Church building and restoration, £1,163,544; endowment of benefices, £189,587; parsonage houses, £95,317; burial-grounds, £7,381. Total, £1,455,839.

A PRACTICAL BISHOP.—A correspondent of *The Church* says of the new Bishop of Maryland, Dr. Paret:—

The Bishop is familiarizing himself with the condition and wants of each parish and congregation in the Diocese. The following story illustrates his manner of work. A rural parish had lost by death its rector, and the vestry wrote to the Bishop for his advice in obtaining another. In reply to his inquiry what salary would be paid, he was told that the deceased Rector received \$300. The Bishop said that so far as he knew all clergymen who would accept a call from that parish at that salary were dead, but that he would preach for them and see what could be done. He did so. At the close of the service a congregational meeting was held, and at his request one of the vestrymen went through the congregation to obtain pledges, and reported he had \$350. The Bishop said, "I observed that you only solicited pledges from the gentlemen; now try the ladies." The vestryman then reported \$600. The Bishop said, "You did not ask the children; ask them." Whereupon the subscriptions were increased to \$750. In conclusion he said, "Raise \$50 more, making in all \$800, which, with your rectory, will make a comfortable provision for a Rector, and I will help you."

FREE CHURCHES.—In an appeal put forth by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, some years ago, in behalf of a church in his Diocese, these words occur:—

"This is a free Church. It is the aim of the vestry to keep it so. It would be unwise and wrong to make it other than free. In the language of one of the wardens of the Church, 'It does not enter into our plans to make it