

# 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.

THE death of Mrs. Plumptre, the wife of the Dean of Wells, is announced. The deceased lady was a sister of Frederick Denison Maurice.

A series of noon-day services for business men were held by Bishop Whitaker during Holy week at St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

By the will of Mrs. Cordelia M. Duke of New York, bequests aggregating \$18,000 are made to Church charities in New York, paying after the death of her husband.

A new mission has been organized at Garvanza, Los Angeles County, by the Rev. A. G. L. Trew, Dean of the Southern Convocation, and a memorial Church building is to be erected.

Mr. Arthington, of Leeds, has offered £15,000 for commencing missionary work in the great valley of the Amazon, stretching from the Atlantic Ocean across the continent to the foot of the Andes.

THERE is a rumour in the vicinity of St. Paul's Cathedral to the effect that Archdeacon Gifford is about to resign the Archdeaconry of London, and with it the residential stall which is so much coveted.

THE Primate will not deliver judgment on the preliminary question of jurisdiction, recently argued before him, on behalf of the Bishop of Lincoln, until after Easter.

THE Bishop of Carlisle has submitted the names of two clergymen to Her Majesty, one of whom will be selected as Bishop-suffragan of Carlisle. It is expected that the new Bishop will take his title from Barrow.

THE Vicar of Kensington is about to found a Church Worker's Home, in which a few ladies, each possessed of at least £100, "can live in community, under the guidance of a yearly elected superior, and devote themselves to the service of God." Mr. Carr Glyn proposes that the ladies should wear some distinctive dress.

Canon Body's mid-day Lenten addresses at St. Paul's, were attended by immense congregations of city men and women. Nothing could exceed the earnestness, the heartiness, and the deep reverential spirit which characterized his addresses.

Biblical scholars will regret to hear of the death of the Rev. James Frederick Schion, D.D., which took place at Palm Cottage, New Brompton, Kent., on Saturday last, in his eighty-sixth year. Dr. Schion, who was ordained fifty-seven years ago, was for many years a C.M.S. missionary in West Africa, and subsequently was chaplain at Melville Hospital, Chatham. He translated the New Testament and part of the Old into the Haussa language,

and the Gospels into the Mende language, for which he received the gold medal of the Institute de France, and the unusual honour of the D.D. degree from Oxford. He received his degree on the same day that the present Archbishop of Canterbury received a similar honour. A short time ago Dr. Schion lost his eldest son, and he seemed never to recover from the blow.

On Saturday, April 6th, the Bishop of Oxford, held a confirmation in the Eton College Chapel, when 159 of the students received the rite. The chapel was filled with their relations and friends of the boys.

THE Rev. Sir. F. Gore Ouseley, canon residentiary in Hereford Cathedral, died quite suddenly of heart disease on Saturday last, the 6th ult. Sir Frederick Ouseley was appointed Professor of Music at Oxford in 1885, and in 1856 vicar and warden of St. Michael's College, Tenbury. Here he founded an exceedingly valuable and extensive musical library, containing about 4000 volumes and including many rare scores.

Christ Church, Springfield, Ill., consecrated on March 28, is a beautiful stone church with nearly four hundred sittings, erected at a cost of \$37,000, in memory of two ladies by their two sons. The chancel furniture and several windows have been contributed by members of the congregation. The organ, which will soon be in position, is the gift of friends of the rector, the Rev. F. W. Clampett. The seats are all free.

Mrs. Ryle, wife of the Bishop of Liverpool, died on Saturday evening at Harrogate, where she has been staying for some time past. She caught a severe cold during the last visit of the Queen to Liverpool at the opening of the exhibition, and has suffered very much since. The lady now deceased was the Bishop's third wife, being a daughter of the late Lieut-Colonel W. L. Clowes, 3rd King's Own Dragoons, of Broughton Old Hall, Lancashire.

AT Ross, near Hereford, an active curate (the Rev. H. Anderson) has started a "Recreation class." This is an admirable conception. Taking the word in its widest meaning, he bands the young men and maidens of the parish together with the object of promoting social enjoyment, and instruction is given in all those indoor and outdoor relaxations, from painting and music to cricket and chess, which give zest to the humdrum existence of country towns.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, Bishop of Truro, consecrated the new Victoria Jubilee Church in the Rue des Bassins, Paris, on Friday. He was assisted by the Rev. M. Washington, chaplain of the church, Rev. Howard Gill, and Anglican clergy from Chantilly, Compiegne, Versailles, Neuilly, and other districts round Paris. There was a full choral service. Amongst those present were Lord and Lady Lytton, Mr. MacLaine, United States Minister, Lady Wallace, Mr. George Sewell (who acted as Chancellor), and a large congregation of

English-speaking residents in Paris. The Right Rev. Prelate, who preached, alluded to the revival of religious life in the Church of England, which he described as the Anglican branch of the Catholic Church. While appealing for moderation, the preacher said that the activity of the Anglican communion on the Continent was another pledge for the union of Christendom.

Amongst the candidates presented by the Vicar of North Ormsby for confirmation at All Saint's Church, last week, was a man, John Norman, who had attained the ripe age of 98 years. The Bishop of Sodor and Man, who was officiating for the Archbishop of York, confirmed him early in the service without requiring the aged candidate to leave his seat, and the old man shortly afterwards withdrew. In his subsequent address to the candidates Dr. Bradslay referred to the touching nature of the incident. We understand that Norman was led to come forward through the exertions of the Rev. M. Scott, Curate of North Ormsby, by whom also he was prepared for confirmation.

A discreditable scene in an East-end chapel in London, England, will, we suppose, end in an appeal unto Cæsar. It appears that for some years past there has been a dispute between the pastor and his congregation on one side, and the Congregational Union on the other. Unfortunately the dispute, instead of being amicably settled, has nearly culminated in a riot. Last Sunday both Mr. Massey and Mr. Mackay were anxious to conduct service, with the result that neither of them were able to do so. 'When Mr. Mackay announced a hymn Mr. Massey did the same; when Mr. Mackay prayed so did Mr. Massey; when Mr. Mackay proceeded to expound a portion of Scripture Mr. Massey started a short sermon.' While these gentlemen were thus drowning each other's voices, several fights were taking place in the body of the hall, and the claim of the Congregational Union thus led to very obvious disunion. So thus we see that freedom from State trammels does not hinder religious bodies from having to appeal to the State to settle their differences. Nay, from what we can see in this particular instance, not only is brother likely to go to law with brother, but brothers have already taken the law into their own hands. Cæsar, of course, will have to say to whom the building belongs, and unless greater self-restraint be practised Cæsar may be also called upon to speak sternly on the subject of brawling. Last Sunday State officers had to interfere, for we read that 'what threatened to prove a serious riot was prevented by the presence of half-a-dozen policemen.'

THE production of the new, and, we presume, last edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" has been quite phenomenal. More than a million copies of the various editions, bound and in sheets, of the words only and of the words and music, were delivered by Messrs. Clowes & Sons in the course of the day of publication to their numberless customers, public and private. It will give some idea of the enormous