

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., 24.
Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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THE ROYAL WAY OF THE CROSS.

The way of the Cross is a royal way !
Will ye not tread it this Passion day,
Weary the road your Saviour trod,
Yet it leads up to the throne of God.

The way of the Cross is a royal way !
Over the road we must pass each day,
Bearing our burdens of sorrow and pain,
For the way of the Cross is eternal gain.

The way of the Cross is a royal way !
It leads us up to the perfect day,
All shadows shall flee our way before,
Where Jesus awaits us with life evermore.

The way of the Cross is a royal way !
Oh, we will follow it this Passion day
Bearing the emblems of Christ's holy love,
Straight to the feet of our Saviour above.

Free from all sorrow, free from all strife,
Let us enter with Jesus to rest and to life,
Ah! who would not suffer pain then, and loss,
To follow the royal way of the Holy Cross.

EMILIE KARNEY.

—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

NO EASTER WITHOUT GOOD FRIDAY.

Into everyone's experience there comes fresh springs of joy when the days of spring begin to open. But it is because we are going out of the winter that gives the peculiar color to the joy, and its effects upon our spirits always unique and fresh, though repeated every year. No winter, no spring. It is by contrast with the dark and cheerless days of winter that the softening air, the brilliant sunshine, the springing grasses, the opening buds, the song of the birds, and the ever-changing garment of color on the face of nature in the spring-time have for us their intense and stimulating enjoyment. If we never knew aught but the delicious days of spring they would lose their charm and piquancy. It is a law of our nature that our chiefest joy is the aftermath of sorrow. From

night to light, from grief to peace. A true Lent works out a glorious Easter, and lets us into the secret meaning of the Lord's words, "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Unless we have been with the Marys on Calvary we cannot share their fullness of surprised gladness at the empty sepulchre. And this is what makes Lent so precious to devout souls. Not simply because it is to end in the peace and splendor of the resurrection morn, but because it has brought them nearer to their Saviour, broken down another barrier of self-hood, and opened a new revelation of the meaning of His life among men. The exultation of Easter is not because of the shadows of Holy Week, but because Good Friday made Easter possible.—*St. Louis Church News.*

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bi-hop of Maine and Mrs. Neely sailed for Bermuda on March 2nd.

THE "Church House" has received a donation of £1,000 from "A. B."

BISHOP McLaren, of Chicago, continues to improve in health and expects to be able to resume his duties the beginning of April.

DR. Knight Bruce, who has retired from the Bishopric of Mashonaland in consequence of ill health, has accepted the living of Bovey Tracey, Devon.

By resolution of the Vestry of Trinity Parish, New York, all in charge of the Chapels are to be known as Vicars, their associate priests as Curates.

IT might with good reasoning be maintained that Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, was the first Protestant; he protested against the title "Universal Bishop," and declared it to be the sign of Anti-Christ.—*Rev. Dr. Gray.*

THE Vicar and Churchwardens of Shireoaks, Notts, have been informed that Miss Mary Plant has left by her will £1,000, less legacy duty, to the parish church.

THE Duke of Devonshire has promised £1000 as a start towards the cost of the proposed enlargement of St. John's church, Buxton, and £200 for a Higher Buxton Mission Church.

THE Ven. Archdeacon Maples, of Nyasa, has been appointed to the See of Nyasaland, vacant through the resignation owing to ill health of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hornby, consecrated Dec. 21, 1892.

MR. GLADSTONE in a note to *London Home*, says: "By English law there has been no 'Head of the Church' since the title was abolished under Queen Mary, it not having been renewed under or since Elizabeth."

"A Quiet Day for Women" has become a feature of Detroit Church life, this being usually held by some well-known clergyman of the Church under the invitation of the President of the Diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

IN the Cathedral, Portland, Me., on Sunday evenings during Lent a course of sermons has been delivered by the Rev. Dean Sills on "The Holy Catholic Church," "Creeds and Christian Belief," "The Church and the Reformation," "Heresies and Schisms," "Ritual and Symbolism."

AN important meeting of the clergy of the Church of New York and Brooklyn, in support of the present laws regarding the Lord's day, was held at the Church Missions House, New York, on Tuesday, the 19th March, and a strong protest against any proposed change in the way of opening saloons or granting them privileges was adopted. The resolutions themselves will be found in our Temperance Column.

THE GENERAL COUNCILS.

	WHERE HELD.	DATE.	EMPEROR.	DECISIONS.
I.	Nicaea.	325.	Constantine the Great.	Against the Arians; 318 Bishops attended.
II.	Constantinople.	381.	Theodosia the Great.	Against the Macedonians; 150 Bishops.
III.	Ephesus.	431.	Theodosia the Younger.	Against the Nestorians; Nestorius was deposed; 200 Bishops attended.
IV.	Chalcedon.	451.	Marcian.	Against the Eutychians; 630 Bishops attended.
V.	Constantinople.	553.	Justinian.	To confirm the decisions of the first four Councils; 165 Bishops.
VI.	Constantinople.	680.	Constantine Pogonatus.	Against a development of Eutychianism.

NOTE.—The first four are called the "Undisputed General Councils." The fifth and sixth only re-affirmed what had been already declared concerning the Faith by the four preceding Councils. It is somewhat remarkable that the fifth excommunicated Pope Vigilius, Bishop of Rome, as a heretic; and the sixth excommunicated Pope Honorius I., another Bishop of that See, as a heretic.

It is a little remarkable that not one of them was presided over by a Bishop of Rome. The President of the first was Hosius, Bishop of Cordova; of the second, Meletius Patriarch of Antioch; of the third, St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem; and of the fourth, commissioners of the Emperor.

"We do here solemnly record our conviction that unity will be most effectually promoted by maintaining the Faith in its purity and integrity, as taught in Holy Scripture, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds and affirmed by the undisputed General Councils."—*Pan Anglican Synod of Lambeth, 1867; 76 Bishops.—Parish Record, Boston, Rev. Dr. Gray. Ed.*