

The Church Guardian.

"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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A NEW organ will soon be put in Canterbury Cathedral to replace one built in 1661.

THE Dean of Worcester Cathedral, Rev. G. M. Yorke, dropped dead at the entrance of the Cathedral, just as the choir were singing, "I will lay me down in peace and take my rest."

IN Melbourne, Victoria, Bishop Moorhouse has created a sensation by having a deputation to the Minister of Education to urge the teaching of the historical events of the Bible in the State schools.

THE collections and subscriptions received during the octave of the reopening of Tewkesbury Abbey amounted to more than 700*l*. It is estimated that upwards of fifteen thousand persons attended the services.

IT is telegraphed from Sydney that the Church Synod of the Newcastle diocese has elected the Rev. Dr. Pearson, vicar of Newark, in England, to the bishopric of Newcastle, in succession to Dr. Tyrrell, deceased. The nomination is subject to Dr. Pearson's acceptance and the approval of the provincial Bishops.

A SANITARIUM for Missionaries of the American Protestant Episcopal Church is about to be opened by Bishop Scherenschewsky in the city of Che-foo in the Shan-Tung province. This city is in the north of China, one of the Treaty Ports, and is considered a very healthy spot. The Mandarin Dialect is spoken in the province, which contains about thirty millions of the heathen.

ON Tuesday, October 28th, the bishop of the diocese held an ordination service in St. John's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and ordained Mr. Charles A. Hayden to the diaconate, and advanced the Rev. T. J. Melish and the Rev. J. H. Logie to priesthood. The three candidates were formerly ministers in non-Episcopal communions, and the Rev. Mr. Melish was for several years the editor of a leading Baptist paper in Cincinnati.

AFTER the lapse of a quarter of a century Durham Cathedral was lately again the scene of a confirmation service. The late Bishop Baring, says the *Yorkshire Post*, during his seventeen years' Episcopate, never confirmed in his cathedral, owing to some differences with his clergy, and invariably held his principal service in St. Nicholas' Church, Durham. 280 males and 452 females offered themselves for confirmation, several of them being old men and women over seventy years of age.

ON a recent Sunday the congregation of St. Paul's Free Church of England, at Wheelton, near Chorley, rejoined the Established Church. They seceded about eleven years ago, owing to the vicar refusing to appoint a curate they preferred, and afterwards built for themselves a handsome church, dedicated to St. Paul. The incumbent having received a missionary appointment at Bermuda, the congregation considered the time opportune to make their peace with the mother Church, and have arranged for the transfer of their church and schools to the vicar of the parish, who has accepted the charge.

THE *Gaulois* states the Empress Eugenie has resolved to leave England for Zululand on a pilgrimage to the spot where the Prince Imperial fell.

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL Teacher, rather gayly dressed, asked her class the meaning of "pomp and vanity of this wicked world." An honest but unexpected answer came from a tongue heedless of grammar. "Them fine flowers on your hat."

URING an election in a certain locality a temperance candidate called upon a rumseller and solicited his vote. "I would rather vote for the Evil One than for you," was the savage response. "Yes, I know," said the candidate; "but, in case your friend should not be nominated, might I then count on your assistance?"

M. CORNU, in the *Comptes Rendus*, shows experimentally that the ultra-violet rays of the solar spectrum are absorbed in a striking manner in passing through our atmosphere. M. Thollon laid before the Academie des Sciences a drawing of the solar Spectrum, ten metres in length from A to H. This spectrum is composed of about 4,000 rays; it was executed in Italy, and is the most perfect which has yet been produced.

A SOLDIER named Mariotti, of the 11th Battalion of the Italian Bersaglieri, though long confined to the room by illness, refused to be carried to the hospital. Ultimately, on being forcibly removed thither, the soldier was discovered to be a woman. She joined the army during the war of 1866 to enable her brother to remain with his wife and six children. At Custozza she won a medal for bravery. The King has now conferred on her a decoration and sent her home with a pension.

IT is my duty as it is my highest joy to spend and be spent in the service of Almighty God and His Son, our Saviour, and in the advancement of those principles of His church which we hold as a priceless heritage from the past and as the assurance of the Church's future triumphs. Sustained on the one hand by an implicit faith in those principles and on the other by an abiding confidence in their ultimate acceptance, no temporary storms of controversy, no wresting of things from that line of sober and devout wisdom which is characteristic of our Church, no wild mob-shout from the multitude of enemies beyond our pale, no sharp and painful realization of our own deficiencies in spirit and in economical adjustment has contributed anything to impair that faith and that confidence. Those who can understand sympathetically this feeling are, I believe, the men who have caught the true spirit of our beloved Church, and who will prove her best interpreters and bravest defenders. They are the men upon whom we must rely for any healthy advancement of external strength and inner life. They, too, are the men in whom that noble collect for the twenty-first Sunday after Trinity is divinely answered: "Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord."—*Bishop of Illinois.*

MR. MCK. PITTINGER, for some time a Presbyterian Minister, has been ordained by the Bishop of Southern Ohio.

IN Tréves, among the manuscripts in the municipal library, a fragment of an old French poem has been discovered, which Herr Käuffer, teacher in the Realschule, attributes to Richard Cœur de Lion.

EXPERIMENTS have recently been made in California to test the adaptability of that State for the growth of tea. These tests have proved that not only are the soil and climate admirable for the cultivation of tea, but for that of the mulberry also. With respect to tea, however, although it requires but little care to bring it to perfection, there is a difficulty in getting the leaves picked at a cost low enough to enable the producers to compete with the foreign markets.

DR. KERN reviewed the fortieth report of the Registrar-General with reference to deaths from alcoholism, and suggested the Social Science Association should ask confidential returns from 500 medical men in different parts of the county with a view of arriving at approximation to the truth. It was significant that gout was more fatal now than it was ten years ago, and that Italy, a most temperate nation, had only 240 per 1,000,000 of violent deaths, while England, an intemperate nation, had no less than 757 per 1,000,000.

THE speed of carrier-pigeons appears to depend as much on the clearness of their sight as on the strength of their wings. In an experiment recently made with some Berlin pigeons, on a clear day, a distance of over 300 miles, from Cologne to Berlin, was accomplished in five hours and a half, or at the rate of nearly sixty miles an hour; while the most expeditions of a group let loose the next day—a day not of the same kind—took twelve hours to reach Berlin. Hence, it would appear that in the latter case a good deal of the pigeons' time was taken up in exploring the country for landmarks, as was some of Mr. Forbes's, in his ride from Ulundi with the news of Lord Chelmsford's victory. It is not instinct, but sight, by which the carrier-pigeon guides its flight.

THE will of the late Prince Imperial was proved in London, recently by Eugene Rouher and Jean Baptiste Francheschini Pietri, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under 60,000*l*. The original is deposited in the Principal Registry at Somerset House. In the case of his father the Emperor Napoleon III., only an official copy was proved, and deposited in this country, the original being retained at the Notary's office in Paris. The Prince's will is all in his own handwriting, and is contained on two whole sheets and one half sheet of letter paper, the bottom of each page being either signed "Napoleon" or "N." The will not having been executed in the presence of witnesses, as required by the English law, an affidavit of M. Pietri is filed with it that it is throughout in the handwriting of the deceased Prince, and an affidavit also from the counsel of the French Embassy in London that the Prince's domicile was French, and that the will was made in conformity with and was valid according to the French law.

Foreign Missions.

WEST AFRICA.

THE MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF THE NIGER.

WE have been recording, for some weeks, the life of one of the most remarkable men of his race, Bishop Crowther, as that life is given in the *Church Missionary Gleaner*. We have seen the slave-boy become the Christian convert, the teacher of his countrymen, the priest in the Church, the successful Missionary to the ignorant and barbarous tribes on the banks of the Niger. In justice to other Mission work, it would be impossible to continue a minute account of his energetic labours. We will close the subject by a short survey of the Missionary Diocese over which he was ordained bishop in 1864, shortly after the events mentioned in our last number.

He has under him, two Archdeacons, 11 priests, and 16 Teachers, all natives. One of the Archdeacons is his son, the Rev. Davidson Crowther; the other, the Rev. Henry Johnson, is almost as remarkable a man as the Bishop himself. We have been told by a friend who met Archdeacon Johnson in Jerusalem, about two years ago, that he was one of the most well-bred, intelligent men you could meet, a remarkable proof of the high degree of culture, which, under favourable circumstances, men of African origin can attain.

The Mission Stations of the Diocese of the Niger which shine like centres of light on the surrounding gloom of heathenism are—*Brass, Bonny, Akessa, and Calabar*, at the mouths of the Niger. *Osamare, Alenso, Onitsha, and Asaba*, on the river itself. *Lokoja*, at the confluence of the two branches, the *Kworra* (white) and the *Binue* (black) Niger. The two most distant stations, *Egga* and *Shonga*, are on the *Kworra*, or Niger proper, though being about 430 miles from the mouth of the river, and 100 miles below the place where Mungo Park was killed in 1806.

BRASS is one of the most important places in relation to the navigation and commerce of the Niger. It is the key to the creeks and channels which pass through the isolated and still hostile tribes. There are 1149 "worshippers" in the two Churches of the Brass Mission, and Archibald Crowther gives us the following brief account of a Thanksgiving Service held there:—

"The 25th August happened to make up the tenth year since the establishment of the Mission at Brass, and the second year since King Ockiya gave up his idols, and a Thanksgiving Service was held. A lovely sight presented itself to me as I entered the Church. The minister, Rev. Thomas Johnson, was just coming out of the vestry; on one side was sitting King Ockiya in his pew; on his right were five chiefs, decently clad, in their pew, then the minor chiefs, and, on the other side, their wives. When the service commenced, the voices of thanksgiving and praise poured forth from no less than 511 persons, who met in that sanctuary that day to give praises to God for His wonderful works among them."

The Archdeacon also mentions an instance of the influence of Christianity at Brass in saving the lives of four English sailors shipwrecked among Cannibals:—

"A sailing vessel, called the *Guiding*