

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., 21.
"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

BISHOP BARRY has been elected Hulsean Lecturer at Cambridge University.

AN anonymous donor, a lady, has sent £1,000 to Archdeacon Blakeney, for the Church Day School Aid Association.

THE Dean of Worcester [Dr. Forrest] has not been in very good health, and has been ordered to take complete rest for a time.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, Auburn, N.Y., is providing Sunday services regularly for the people of a small settlement sixteen miles from the city.

THE Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the United States now number 1,117, fifteen new Chapters having been added during the last month.

THE returns from the Self-denial week appointed for the whole Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the United States so far show only about \$1,300.

THE Rev. J. J. Thompson, of Derby, who recently resigned his membership in the Presbyterian Church of England, has been ordained by the Bishop of Liverpool.

ONE man baptized and three others in the next Confirmation class are recent fruits of the visiting work done by members of St. John's Chapter, Milwaukee, Wis.

ORGANIZATIONS of boys on the lines of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Boys' Department, have been formed in St. John's, Peterboro, and St. Paul's, Renfrew, Ontario.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the well-deserved degree of D.D., on the Rev. John Julian, M.A., the accomplished editor of the "Dictionary of Hymnology."

THE Rev. H. T. E. Barlow, son of the vicar of Islington, has been nominated for the Missionary Bishopric of North Japan, and the Archbishop of Canterbury has approved.

A munificent gift of £1,000 has been promised to the Missions to Seamen, as a contribution to a special fund, on condition that £3,000 in addition is raised within the next three months.

THE Rev. Robert Williams, B. A., of the London University, is about to resign his ministry in the Calvinistic Methodist communion with a view to taking orders in the Church of England.

IN the diocese of Manchester, Eng., 18,108 persons were confirmed last year, of whom 6,904 were males. The Lay Helpers' Association

numbered 3,000 men and 1,000 women. The building and enlargement of churches, mission rooms, schools, church rooms and clubs, showed exceptional activity.

THE Cavalry Curates of Northumberland, established some months ago, are now an organized corps, and doing splendid work. Parish omnibuses will soon be an accomplished fact in this country.

THE Church Club of New York has arranged its course of lectures for 1894 on "The Roman Claims." They will be delivered on consecutive Sundays from April 1st to May 6th. Bishop Paret and Bishop Hall are among the lecturers.

UP to January 31st the Brotherhood Employment Bureau in Chicago has helped 3,897 men, or an average of 72 men per day. Of the men helped 22 per cent. were Americans. English, Irish, Scotch, French, German and Scandinavian have also been helped. Forty-two per cent. class themselves as laborers, nine per cent. as salesmen and clerks.

THE *World* says:—The churches in the West End of London have not been so well attended in Lent for many years. It is not only in churches with such preachers as Canon Boly (who is taking no fewer than seven courses of sermons), but in many of those where the preaching attractions are not great that crowded congregations are to be seen on week-days.

EIGHT new permanent churches, ten iron and mission churches, and three new vicarages have been erected since 1881 in the town of Swansea. Besides this the parish church has been rebuilt; also four new parishes have been created, and twelve additional clergy are being employed. The Swansea Church Extension Fund has raised nearly £60,000 towards these works.

THE Bishop and diocese of Newcastle are to be heartily congratulated on the completion of the Bishop of Newcastle's Fund. In a little over ten years, more than £107,000 has been contributed towards putting the new diocese into working order. Eleven new churches, 19 new mission chapels, 14 parish buildings, 7 new parishes endowed, 7 vicarages obtained is a good record and a good precedent set.

THROUGHOUT England, the increase in the number of the Clergy of the Church was 11 2/10 per cent, a fraction more rapidly than the population which was 10 2/10 per cent. They numbered 24,233. The ministers of other religious bodies, (exclusive of the Romanists) increased by only 3 3/10 per cent. The Roman clergy numbered 2,511, an increase of 20 2/10 per cent during the last ten years.

ONLY yesterday it used to be said that the one body of Christians which did not believe the Bible was the Church of Rome. To-day we see

the Protestant sects cutting the Bible to pieces with their rationalism, and the Bishop of Rome putting forth a forty-three page encyclical recommending "the earnest study of the sacred Scriptures to clergymen and students," as "Books composed under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, whose author is the Lord."—*The Arrow*, N. Y.

AN interesting experiment has just been begun at St. Bartholemew's Mission, New York city, by the opening of a loan office where worthy poor people in need of temporary pecuniary help can secure it without having to pay the usurious rates of the professional pawn-broker. At present money is loaned on chattel mortgages only, but before long additional space will be secured so that small articles can be received in pawn. President Low, of Columbia College, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt and other wealthy men have supplied the funds necessary at the beginning. The bureau is managed by a Brotherhood man, Mr. J. A. McKnight, late of Grace Chapter, Great Falls, Mont., who has become a postulant for Holy Orders.

SCOTLAND.—The Presbyterian Scottish Church Society has had its first open conference. About 60 Presbyterian ministers of the Established Kirk were present. A remarkable discussion took place on the subject of "prayers for the dead." Anglicans have generally admitted the lawfulness and reasonableness of the practice. But it is new to find Scotch Presbyterians frankly admitting its use. A paper on the devotional life brought on this discussion. The Rev. Dr. Hamilton said he did not know what others did, but he never could think that the Bible forbade prayer for those who had departed this life. He could not imagine how it was possible to pray for people at one moment of their lives and not at another. It was often said, "Why should we pray for the dead, because they have already entered into their full measure of bliss?" But they left the world with many imperfections on them, and he believed the state of the dead was one of gradual advancement, seeing more and more into the light and glory of God. They could therefore surely pray that they might advance in that; pray, like St. Paul, that the Lord might have mercy upon them in that Day. And hope as they might pray for the dead, they might that the dead were praying for them. How far the dead knew anything of us we could not know; but we might hope that, though they might not be able to see us, they could hear us. At any rate, all were one in Jesus Christ. The Rev. Dr. Cooper congratulated Dr. Hamilton on his courage in advocating prayer for the blessed dead, and argued that this was in accordance with the standards of the Church. The Catechism indicated this when, after speaking of the benefits believers received from Christ at death, it went on further to tell of the benefits they received at the resurrection. They had not yet been made perfectly blessed. They had not yet had their open acknowledgment in the day of judgment. When we prayed "Thy