

# 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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## ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

DR. HUTCHINS' S. S. Hymnal and Service Book has reached a sale of 220,000 copies.

THE Wife's Sister Bill has passed its second reading in the British Commons by 202 to 155—less majority than last year.

THE head of the Cambridge (Eng.) mission to Delhi is appealing for more clergy to extend the work amongst the Mahomedans of that city and the villages around it.

THE Rev. Canon Waugh, vicar of St. Mary's, Brighton, Eng., and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Ripon, will succeed the late Canon Holmes as Canon Residentiary of Ripon Cathedral.

THE Rev. Marsham Argles, D. D., has been instituted to the Deanery of Peterborough, Eng., by Dr. Magee (Archbishop-elect of York), and was afterwards installed by the Bishop of Leicester and Archdeacon Thicknesse.

THE Bishop of Wakefield, Eng., states that the amount of subscriptions in aid of his Appeal Fund 'for the development and strengthening of the work in the diocese of Wakefield' is now approaching £20,000.

THE Bishop of Bangor, Wales, has been presented by the inhabitants of Brecon with a purse containing 300 guineas, together with an address congratulating him upon his elevation to the episcopacy. An anonymous donor has presented his Lordship with a pastoral staff.

THE memory of James Hannington, the martyred Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, is to be perpetuated in his own University. A committee has been formed at Oxford to raise funds for a Hannington Memorial Hall, which may serve as headquarters of the University Missionary Union.

MR. WILLIAM BOOTH represents the number of paupers as increasing. What are the facts? In 1868-9, of the whole population of 43 per 1,000 received Poor-law relief; in 1890 the number is a fraction over 20 per 1,000. Taking all England, the number of paupers is just half of what it was thirty three years ago.

AN eminent Nonconformist scholar writes to the *British Weekly* in a private note:—"You will see that I have pronounced strongly against Hatch's main contentions in the Bampton Lectures. I have read the book over four times, and its enchantment has diminished every time. If Nonconformists build on Hatch against the High Church people, I fear they will find themselves in a bog!"—*Church Eclectic*.

THE meeting of the Church Guilds Union at Sion College, London, Eng., although it deprecated any discussion of Mr. Booth's book, was in reality a full answer to it. Speaker after speaker showed that the Church was very much in earnest in her endeavors to raise the submerged tenth, and that she had been so

employed, without drawing over much attention to it, before the *Salvation Army* was ever dreamt of.

MANY persons in these days of free churches get their religious privileges at a very cheap rate. Never binding themselves to make any regular offering, they would probably be ashamed to think of the smallness of the amount they give in the course of the year. If it were possible to declare that amount in public how few who live in luxury all their days would be quite contented and satisfied to hear such declarations made; and yet God sees and knows.—*North East*.

THE Church seems to be determined to keep pace with the expansion of English influence in South Africa. A diocese of Mashonaland will almost immediately be formed and a Bishop consecrated. Meanwhile missionaries are to be sent out to prepare the way, and it is expected that very soon there will be four or five clergy men settled at various points within the territory of the South African Company, who will act partly as chaplains to the Europeans and partly as missionaries to the natives.

A VAST fortune has just been devoted to a new religious order. The "Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament" is the name chosen for the new religious order founded by Miss Kate Drexel, otherwise known as Sister Catherine. Miss Drexel makes her final vows in February, and the ceremony will take place in the chapel of Mercy Convent, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when she will formally renounce her immense fortune, estimated at £1,600,000. This sum she gives to the new order, making it, possibly, the wealthiest religious order in the world, excepting that of the Jesuits. The special objects of the Order will be to ameliorate the condition of the North American Indians and negroes.

'GENERAL' BOOTH appears to be a universal appropriator. According to Mr. H. S. Wilde, of the C. E. T. S., his late scheme (that for aiding discharged prisoners) has been "annexed" from that Society. Mr. Wilde writes:—"This Society has with the others that have been mentioned, anticipated 'General Booth' in his suggested effort to aid discharged prisoners. It has appointed missionaries at all the police-courts in London and in most of the larger towns in the country, and praise has been awarded by all the magistrates of such courts to such missionaries for the assistance they have rendered to them, and for the benevolent care tendered to the prisoners. Workshops have been instituted to give them temporary occupation till permanent situations can be provided, and the best results have been realised by the Society in this direction."

THE Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury has passed resolutions laying down regulations for Sisterhoods, Deaconesses and Brotherhoods. Those who enter a Sisterhood are to serve an adequate term of probation. If at least thirty years of age, they may undertake lifelong engagements to the work, subject

to release on cause shown by competent authority. The form is to be a promise made at the time of admission before the Bishop or his commissary. Meanwhile no statutes are to interfere with the freedom of any Sister to dispose of her property as she thinks fit. No branch Home of a Sisterhood can be established or any branch work undertaken in any diocese without the written consent of the Bishop of that diocese. Nor is any work external to the Community to be undertaken by the Sisters in any parish without the written consent of the parish priest—subject, if that be refused, to an appeal to the Bishop.

Deaconesses are, after due probation, to be solemnly admitted and licensed by the Bishop, who may release them from their obligations, for sufficient cause shown. Self-supporting brotherhoods both clerical and lay, are also sanctioned; a wide elasticity as to their rules being permitted. They are to work in subordination to the Bishop's authority, and by sanction of the parish priest. Lifelong engagements, dispensable by the Bishop, are allowed. The statutes are to receive the Bishop's formal sanction, and not to be changed without his formal approval.

AT the election of the Bishop of Rochester to the Bishopric of Winchester, Eng., the Dean (Dr. Kitchin) took especial pains that the whole proceedings should be conducted strictly on ancient lines, and the ceremonial observed was exactly the same, *mutatis mutandis*, as at the election of Bishop Waynflete in April, 1447. After the first Lesson the great bell was tolled, the Cathedral body proceeded to the chapter-house, and the Dean and Canons alone entered to proceed with the election. The Cathedral bells then rung a joyful peal, the choir and clergy returned to their places, the *Te Deum* was sung, and the Dean, standing before the altar, said:—"Good Christian people here assembled together, be it known unto you and all others of the fold of Christ's Church, that we, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity of Winchester, in accordance with authority granted to us by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, dated the 28th day of January, 1891, and issued under the Great Seal, and hearkening dutifully to the advice and recommendation herewith conveyed to us, have this day, after notice duly given and received, met in Chapter, and have with one heart and one voice elected to the Bishopric of Winchester, now vacant by the resignation of the Right Reverend Edward Harold Browne, formerly Bishop thereof, the Right Rev. Anthony Wilson Thorold, Doctor of Divinity, Bishop of Rochester, and we pray you to yield all due obedience to him as your spiritual pastor in God, and to remember him in your prayers, that he may receive grace and truth wisely to rule over this diocese to the glory of God and the eternal welfare of the souls of men now to be entrusted to his care."

AT Grahamstown the Dean as an examiner elicited the following comparisons of ill:

Ill, iller, illest.  
Ill, worse, better.  
Ill, worse, dead.