

# 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.

A successful 'Mission' has just been held in the Isle of Man.

It is said that there is little prospect of the Bishop of Bedford resuming his work in London.

THE Old Catholics of Austria are about to elect a Bishop. They are rapidly increasing in members.

THE death is announced of the Rt. Rev. James Atlay, Bishop of Hereford, to which See he was consecrated in 1868.

DEAN HOLE of Rochester Cathedral, England, wants Americans to contribute to the restoration of Rochester cathedral.

DR. HUNTINGTON, of Grace Church, New York, delivered on the Wednesdays in Advent a series of addresses on the Te Deum.

THE Liverpool and Birkenhead Branch of the English Church Union shows a substantial increase in the number of members and associates.

THE Rev. Jos. St. John of the Diocese of Michigan, having renounced his ministry, was formally deposed by the Bishop of the diocese on the 14th Dec. last.

ON Dec. 23rd last in St. Paul's Church, Boston, Bishop Lawrence ordained (amongst others) to the diaconate Mr. George Thomas Dowling formerly a Baptist minister.

An anonymous contributor, 'In the Master's Name,' has sent £150 to the Additional Curates Society, to be repeated D.V. for the next four years, in order to provide one curate.

AT the Advent Ordination in St. John's Church, Omaha, the Bishop received into the priesthood of the church the Rev. E. Murphy, formerly a priest of the Roman Communion.

THE Bishop of Delaware has for several years been engaged in writing a "History of the Church in America" as one of the series of the National Church History. It will appear this month.

BISHOP KNICKERBACKER, of Indiana, seized with pneumonia a few days before, succumbed to it and died at his home in Indianapolis, Ind., on the last day of the year. He was consecrated in 1883.

THE Consecration of Archdeacon Johnson as Bishop of Colchester, and of Archdeacon Knox as Bishop of Coventry, took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng., on the 28th Dec. last, Holy Innocents' Day.

LARGE Confirmations are announced from the diocese of Virginia. In one place three Episcopal visitations had been held within six months with a large number of persons presented each time for the "laying on of hands."

ON Christmas day a very beautiful water crust of engraved glass with solid silver mountings was placed on the altar of St. Peter's Church, Albany, the gift of two boys, not rich in this world's goods, as a memorial of a deceased grandmother.

THE Ven. Archdeacon Denison celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday last month. He received the congratulations of His Grace the Primate, and others of the Episcopate. He has been a priest for sixty-two years and Archdeacon of Taunton 43 years.

BISHOP REINKENS (Old Catholic) recently confirmed seventy-four candidates at Mannheim. Pere Hyacinthe has resolved on establishing a second Old Catholic church in Paris, and has already held some services in the English Church at Neuilly, lent to him for the purpose.

It is proposed that the diocese of Maryland should cede the District of Columbia and the city of Washington to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States for the purpose of providing a permanent See and residence for the Primate.

AT Hotsprings, Arkansas, on December 16th the Bishop confirmed 19 persons. Amongst the number were six of the vested choir, three others had been brought up as Methodists, three as Christians or Campbellites, two as Lutherans, one a Romanist, one a Quakeress, and one a Presbyterian.

ACCORDING to a correspondent of the *St. Andrew's Cross* there are 24 churches in the United States which have over 1,000 communicants each, exclusive of their chapels. Trinity Church, New York, with its eight chapters has in all 6,641 communicants. St. George's Church, New York has 3,455.

THE Bishop of Oxford has recently issued an instruction to all surrogates in his diocese, forbidding them to issue license for marriage to any person who shall have obtained a decree for dissolution of marriage under Act 20 and 21 Viet., c. 85, so long as the husband or wife of such divorced person shall be still alive.

EASTBOURNE Church people have shown a good example in the matter of Church schools. Eighteen months ago the Wesleyans closed their day school, and the education department issued an order for the election of a school board unless steps were taken to supply the deficiency

in school places within a month. A local committee was formed, and additional accommodation has been provided for 1,725 children at a cost of \$55,000.

THE death of Archbishop Laud, 230 years ago, was celebrated in London, England on the 10th of January by special services and lectures on Laud and his times. An exhibition of manuscripts, pictures and other objects of interest in connection with the Archbishop and his times was opened on January 10th in the schoolroom of All Hallow's Barking Church and continued for three days.

THE half hour Advent service held on the Friday in Advent at noon in St. Paul's Chapel, New York, proved very successful. The need for such services having been established it is proposed to hold a service with hymns at noon every Friday in the year. Addresses will be made from time to time and in the near future a series of brief talks to boys will be given.

THE REV. R. P. DURNFORD, whose secession to the Roman Communion was announced in the papers some short time ago, has seen cause to reconsider his position. After some time spent in serious thought, and retirement at the College, Isle of Cumbrae, he was reconciled to the Anglican Communion under authority from the Bishop of Argyll, who has licensed him for work in his Diocese.

It has finally been decided by the rector, wardens and vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, New York city, that this church be added to the number of free churches, as the past two years have shown that its best work can be done as a free parish. In this time the number of parishioners has increased from fifty to 500, while only one-fifth of this proportion rent pews. An enlarged parish and renewed activity in the work will, it is anticipated, be the result of this decision.

A LETTER from India describes the voyage out, in a vessel having on board the Bishop of Bombay and five priests going to work in India. There was a daily Celebration in the Bishop's cabin, at which the Bishop and the priests in turn celebrated. On Sunday there was a Celebration in the music cabin. Matins and Evensong were said daily. This is in refreshing contrast to the way in which, too commonly, even the clergy seem to leave the outward exercise of their office behind them, when they go on a long journey. We are reminded that the late Dr. James Lloyd Breck and his associates used to say the daily offices even amid the crowd and confusion of a Mississippi steamer forty odd years ago.—*Living Church.*

THE Dean of Lichfield (Dr. Luckcock) is soliciting signatures among the diocesan clergy to a petition to Dr. Legge, protesting against the action of Archbishop Plunket in consecrating