

# 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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## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

In the Diocese of Vermont there are 32 priests and 2 deacons; 7 candidates for Holy Orders, and 6 postulants.

THE Rev. C. O. Leaver Riley, of Preston, Eng., has accepted the appointment to the See of Perth, Western Australia.

REV. Canon Ainger, lately Reader in the Temple, has been appointed MASTER in succession to Dean Vaughan, resigned.

AN unflinching test of the healthful condition of Diocese in the degree of interest exhibited in Missionary work outside its own limits.—Bishop Davies.

SIR GEORGE EDWARDS has given the sum of £3,500 to the Bristol Bishopric Fund, raising it to the minimum required by the Act (enough to secure £2,000 a year).

A bequest of £30,000 has been left by Lady Fitzgerald for such religious purposes as may seem best to the Bishops of Cashel and Killaloe and the Rev. W. E. Burroughs.

THE importance of circulating intelligence as to the general missionary work of our church is too often overlooked. The Divine command to preach the gospel was limited to no race or land.

THE latest news by cable from Rome is that Rev. Mr. Fischer, pastor of the American Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome, has become a Roman Catholic, and has been duly baptized in that faith.

A GOOD IDEA.—A Parish in Oregon has Church Arbor Day. The parishioners gather and trees and shrubs are planted, and flower beds laid out. In three years they have beautified their grounds.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, in a speech lately delivered, referring to the Roman Church, said that the principles of the Catholic Church (not R.C.) made the Roman Church no fitting ally for the members of the Protestant Church.

IT is the little men who deem themselves indispensable in the church, the world, the community in which they live, that always seem to be bullied by a sense of their own importance. The greatest men either forget their greatness, or never even know it.—*The Church.*

THE Church Missionary Society still deplores the absence of men recruits, and it will only be with the greatest difficulty that the autumn locations can be arranged. The bishopric of Northern Japan is still vacant,

and other positions of importance are waiting to be filled. It is a little curious that women offer more readily than men for service in the mission field. But then their home ties are not so great. Or is this also one of the ways in which daughters revolt?

THE Bishop of Winchester has, says the *Times*, restored the ecclesiastical palace of Farnham Castle in such a manner as more than to revive its ancient splendour. The building has been thoroughly decorated and restored throughout, but care has been taken not to injure any of the good features of the castle, which is especially rich in historical associations.

THE Dean of St. David's (the Very Rev. James Allen), who is in his ninetieth year, has intimated his intention of resigning his Deanery, which is in the Bishop's gift, on St. James' Day. Mr. Allen, who lives in the simplest possible way, has for years devoted the greater part of his stipend as Dean to the restoration of the noble Cathedral, of which Her Majesty is one of the Canons.

A well-known Methodist professor of Theology was accosted in the street the other day by one of the men of the Salvation Army, says *The Morning* (London.) (General Booth's follower politely requested him to accept a tract, the subject of which was "How to be Saved." The Wesleyan thanked him, and added, "I am a teacher of theology myself." "Oh, take it," said the other, "do not despair because of that; salvation is possible to anyone."

THE Bishop of Michigan (Dr. Davies) said in his last convention address: The growth of the church has been steady and healthful. The number of confirmations has not fallen below that of last year, and that was the largest in our Diocesan history. I rejoice in the proofs everywhere exhibited of faithful diligence on the part of the clergy in the preparation of their candidates for that holy rite, and in the devout and reverent congregations to which I have ministered.

SOME handsome donations have been promised towards the Burnley Church extension scheme. Canon Parker, the rector, has endowed each of the proposed two new churches with £150 a year, and also heads the subscription list with a donation of £2,000. The total subscriptions received or promised up to date amount to £7,105, and in addition Mr. Thomas Townley-Parker has given a site for one of the churches. It is proposed to expend about £10,000.

CANON BOWERS makes public a statement of the Bishop of Llandaff at Cardiff, which is eloquent as to the condition of the Church in Wales. The occasion was the consecration of a new church, and the Bishop said: "In this diocese during the last ten years we have consecrated more new churches than the diocese of

London. We have provided over 40,000 extra sittings; this, probably, no other diocese could say. I have ordained 20 Nonconformist ministers, and I might have ordained 62."

OXFORD has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa* upon the Right Rev. Wm. David Walker, Bishop of North Dakota. The Bishop was presented for the degree by the Regius Professor of Divinity, who, in a Latin speech, referred to the celebrated Cathedral Car, or the Church of the Advent, which the Bishop has had constructed. Bishop Walker also, along with the Bishop of Iowa (Dr. Perry) last week received the degree of LL.D. at Dublin. The two Bishops, with the new Lord Chief Justice, were afterwards the guests of the College.

THE Committee on Christian Education and Christian Literature in the Diocese of Michigan say, they are profoundly impressed with the inutility, and indeed the misuse of many of our Sunday School libraries, and with the fact that there is too frequent a lowering of right standards and literary taste, in the juvenile fiction and books of adventure now offered, in the place of attractive religious and moral narrative. The end of the church is specific. It is a spiritual end. And one of the spiritual instrumentalities afforded us for the improvement of the young is in the book we give them to read. The point is one of great weakness in the church. And when from among its members the post of librarian is sought as a spiritual trust, and an equally conscientious attention given to the selection and distribution of lesson papers which are not as often read, the difficulty may be corrected.

ONLY 10 parishes of the Diocese held a regular weekly celebration of Holy Communion when Bishop Hall, of Vermont, made his first Convention address in June last. He expressed the hope "that before long every parish would have a Sunday Eucharist, or at least that every priest will celebrate within the limits of his cure each Sunday, either at an earlier hour or at the forenoon service. It is well that on different Sundays the hour should be varied, so that all classes of persons may have frequent opportunities of being present. Along with more frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion, there is needed careful instruction, that people may come to the Sacrament both intelligently and devoutly, after an earnest preparation. In too many cases I fear no real preparation is made beforehand, even for an occasional communion, and no special devotions have been recommended. The practice of celebrating the Holy Sacrament in the afternoon, in mission stations at a distance from the central church, where the Sunday service is generally held at that time, I cannot approve."

THE same Committee further *truly* say:—Nor should the parochial and missionary work done in our own diocese be passed by, and our