

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."—Aph. vi. 24.
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

DEAN GOULBURN'S resignation will not take effect until early next May.

THE Rev. Boyd Vincent, Rector of Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, was elected Assistant Bishop of the Southern Diocese of Ohio, at Cincinnati, on the sixteenth inst.

THE invitation of the Bishop and Dean of Llandaff to the Church Congress, to meet next year at Cardiff, has been accepted, and a preliminary Committee will at once be nominated.

ON Sunday, Oct. 7, the Rev. H. P. Ilston, Vicar of Cholesbury, near Toring, kept the 67th anniversary of his ordination. He is nearly ninety-two years of age, and has been vicar of the parish forty-six years.

The general Seminary at New York opened with an unusually large number of students, thirty-nine new ones have been received. At the Seminary at Alexandria there is a decided increase, the number for this year being between fifty and sixty. And they are said to be young men of great promise. The Divinity School at Philadelphia opened September 20th with a greater number of students than for some years past.

THE liturgical question is being agitated among the French Protestants. Pastor Bersier has published a revised edition of the old reformed liturgies, and Pastor Choisy, of Geneva, has published an essay on liturgical services. The object is to give a larger place in the general Sunday service to the reading of the Scriptures and by so much to diminish the importance of the sermon. Such a change, it is claimed, is much needed in the French Protestant Churches, both at home and abroad.

LEEDS.—The Leeds S.P.G. anniversary was a great success. Twenty-six churches had special services, with sermons and offertories. Many of the Bishops were present at the *conversazione* in the Town Hall, held annually in connection with the Church Institute. The Bishops who took part in this festival were the Bishops of Sydney, Adelaide, Japan, Columbia, Qu'Appelle, Sierra Leone, Dunedin, Maritzburg, Brisbane, Grahamstown, New Westminster, and Bishops Blythe, Wilkinson, Mitchinson, and Penrith.

IN his closing words to the Congress—read by Canon Maclure, owing to the Bishop's temporary loss of voice—the President rightly said that the papers had been "marked to an unusual degree by clearness of exposition and earnestness of purpose, and some of them seem to have carried us to the furthest-outlook of thought and hope." Words could not say more, "Nor," he continued, "has the audience been unworthy of the speakers. It has been distinguished for the breadth and quickness of its sympathies, and at the same time for qualities which might seem, but which are not, inconsistent with these; for its strong attachment to the old services and the ancient ways, and, especially in the workingmen's meetings,

for its attachment to the distinctive principles of the Church of England." And the Bishop concludes:—

"Dangerous days may be before us, days of difficulty, and it may be of stormy conflict; but dark days they cannot be if only we carry into them the clear vision, the high resolves, and the glowing faith which have so often found expression in this Congress. I should look upon the disendowment of the Church of England as a great national calamity, but I do not fear it. In another land I have seen what the Church of England can do without the support of endowment and privilege, and I say to you now that all is well if Christ be with us, if His life be in our hearts and His Spirit in our ministrations. The Cross is our strength, the Cross is our banner, and to each of you, as pressing his brother's hand in farewell he departs to his labour, my last words shall be those which the first Christian Emperor saw glowing beneath the cross of vision: *In hoc signo vinces.*"

THE Manchester Congress fulfilled all anticipations. It was a busy, profitable week, and nobody was disappointed. Indeed, the surprises tended all the other way. For the most hopeful could not have expected a gathering so large, so mixed, and generally so combative, to meet and deliberate a score of times without manifesting a little discord. Nothing of the kind, however, occurred. From beginning to end the Congress was harmonious to the point of monotony. High, Low, and Broad Churchmen not only appeared to be on the best of terms with each other, but their tolerance even extended to the irreconcilables, whose presence at every succeeding Congress is as regular as the sun.

TAINÉ, speaking of the avidity with which Tyndall's translation of the Bible was received and read by the English people, says that "one hid his book in a hollow tree; another learned by heart an epistle and a gospel; so as to be able to ponder it to himself even in the presence of his accusers." Strype declares that every one who could buy this book either read it assiduously or had it read to him by others, and many well advanced in years learned to read that they might possess themselves of its treasures. To-day it is a neglected book. The busy man does not read it, he is too busy; the idle man does not read it, he is too idle. It has forgotten in some closet, or bound in morocco and clasped with gold, it is hid as a conspicuous ornament on the parlor table; in either case neglected and unread. But some read it; and to them it is a storehouse of comfort, a well of joy, an armory of spiritual weapons, a fountain of life.

THE twelfth Church Congress of the P. E. Church of the U.S., will be held in the city of Buffalo, New York, commencing November 20, and continuing four days. The opening service will take place in Trinity Church on Tuesday morning at 10.30. The formal programme of sessions, topics, writers and speakers, was prepared some months since, but as usual will be published at an early date in Church and other papers. Meanwhile we are able to state that the following topics will be leading ones:

The Present Value of Patriotic Studies; Colleges and Universities in relation to the Church; The Question of Race in this Country; Sunday-Schools; Limits of Discussion in the Church; What Principle should govern Church Extension in our Country in fields already occupied by others?; Devotional Reading.

IN Brooklyn, N.Y., there are forty-seven P. E. Churches, of which 12 have been added within the last six years, besides rebuilding or enlarging in several of the older parishes.

THE INTER DIOCESAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The *Teachers' Assistant* (Toronto), of Oct. 17th, calls attention to the arrangements, made at the meeting of the Inter-Diocesan Sunday-School Conference at Montreal last April, for holding some time during the month of December next, at convenient centres in each Diocese, an Examination of Sunday-School Teachers and Scholars upon the "Institute Lessons" for the present year.

Examination papers (each containing 8 questions) will be prepared by the following gentlemen:—

FOR TEACHERS.

Prayer-Book Lessons.

Grade I.—Rev. E. C. Saunders, M.A.
" II.—Rev. Canon Medley, B.A.

Scripture Lessons.

Grade I.—Rev. Canon Balt, M.A.
" II.—Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A.

Sketch of Lesson.

Grade I.—Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A.
" II.—Ven. Arch. Bedford-Jones, D.D.

FOR SCHOLARS.

Scripture Lessons.—Life of Joshua.

Grade I.—Rev. H. Pollard, M.A.
" II.—Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D.

Collects.

Grade I.—Rev. M. M. Fothergill, M.A.

Catechism.

Grade I.—Rev. W. C. Bradshaw.
" II.—Rev. Canon Henderson, M.A.

Applications for enrolment should be sent in to the Secretary, C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., City Hall, Toronto, before Advent Sunday. They may be in the following form:

"Please enrol my name as a candidate in Grade.... for [Teacher or Scholar] at the Inter-Diocesan S. S. Examination, to be held in December, 1888.

Yours,

Name in full.....

P. O. Address.....

Teacher (or Scholar) in St.....S.S., Parish of.....

No fee is required with the application.

Candidates will receive full notice of time and places of holding the Examination.

We sincerely hope that very many of our S. S. Teachers may enter for this Examination.