

# The Church Guardian

UPHOLDS THE DOCTRINES AND RUBRICS OF THE PRAYER BOOK.

"Grace be with 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 LEONARD, of Utah, is doing episcopal duty in Massachusetts during this month.

THE Bishop of London directs that the mixing of the chalice shall be done in the vestry.

THE Foreign Mission Funds of the United Presbyterian Church show a falling off of £3,000.

THE Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee takes place on April 10th., when an assistant Bishop is to be elected.

ON the afternoon of Palm Sunday the consecration of a new and beautiful Mission Church at Silver Creek, near Buffalo, N. Y., took place.

THE Bishop of West Virginia has been appointed by the presiding Bishop of the P. E. Church in the U. S. to visit its missions in Brazil.

THE Receipts of Grace Church, N. Y., for 1892 amounted to \$56,615.50. Charities outside the parish received \$26,004, and parochial charities, \$29,109.

THE late Lord Dunsandle has bequeathed £300 to Athassal and £200 to Thurles parishes, the interest to be paid directly to the incumbents for the time being.

A gift from the Dupont family to Christ Church, Christiana-Hundred, Del., of a handsome rectory and about three acres of land, valued at \$15,000, is announced.

WITH the Easter offering of \$57,000 at St. Andrew's Church, New York, the Rev. Dr. Van de Water, rector, a total of more than \$100,000 was contributed by the parish during the past year.

THE offertory on Easter Day at Calvary Church, Louisville, Ky., amounted to \$15,000. Offertories of from \$1,500 to \$4,000 are quite common in the reports of Easter services in the States.

THE number of clergy ordained in the Church in 1892 was 1473; five more than the previous year's total. Of these 870 were graduates of Oxford or Cambridge. Only 39 were returned as "literate."

IN Christ Church, Hudson, a class of about thirty had begun the systematic study of Church doctrine with the Rector, using Canon Mission's "Faith of the Gospel," on Friday after evening service.

AT Grace Church, Port Jervis, N. Y., an elegant and costly Communion Service, consisting

of two chalices, paten and Eucharistic spoon, the gifts of friends in New York City, were used for the first time on Easter Day.

IN the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. W. N. McVickar, rector, the offertory at the morning service amounted to \$23,784, in response to an appeal for \$40,000 to liquidate the balance outstanding on the new parish house.

IT is reported that at Ballyclough, North Cork, the family of a Protestant caretaker of evicted farms has been boycotted and prevented from obtaining tickets entitling them to dispensary medical help in illness, and his children excluded from the National schools.

AT Grace Church, Elizabeth, N. J., on March 23rd, thirty-two persons were confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese, two-thirds of whom had previously belonged to other religious bodies. Many English families removed to this Parish during the past year, and many communicants have been received from Wales.

EASTER offerings of Church furniture and decorations, such as altar crosses, altar cloths, candle sticks, and vases, are reported from very many parishes in the different States. The custom (an admirable one) of making special presentations at Eastertide and other festivals does not appear to be very general in Canada.

MR. CARLILE, of The Church Army, London, says that during the first year of the formation of The Church Army no less than 700, Methodist exhorters and local preachers of different denominations, applied to be engaged in its work, wishing to come back to their Mother Church.—*Church Eclectic*.

WESLEYAN Methodism appears to be making little or no headway in Wales. One of the leading ministers of that denomination has recently said that "powerful, attractive, soul-saving preaching is the passion of the country." That preaching is not heard so often as formerly, and the need of it is much felt by the Welsh Methodists in particular.—*English Churchman*.

A statistical report upon the growth of Wesleyan Methodism in England, recently given, compares the year 1851 with 1891. The result is not favorable to the society. Taking the whole country, the Church members were, in 1851, one in sixty of the population, and, in 1891, only one in sixty-nine. It is found that Wesleyanism is stronger in towns numbering 20,000 inhabitants and under. In London the proportion has been nearly maintained.—*St. James Chronicle*, London.

CHRIST CHURCH, Montpelier, Vt., was the re-

ipient of numerous gifts during the past year. Two brass altar vases, a brass eagle lectern, memorial cross, memorial window, colored stoles, Bible, altar and chancel Prayer Books, new Sunday School library, and now a new marble altar is to be placed in the Church. The Easter offertory amounted to nearly \$750.00.

ON Easter Day a committee of the Vestry of St. Peter's parish, Easton, presented Bishop Adams with a handsome and valuable ring, a gift from the parish to the Bishop as a memento of their appreciation of the Bishop's services in the parish last summer when without a rector. The ring is of massive gold. The stone is a large amethyst, on which are engraved the Bishop's initials, the mitre, the crook, and the emblems of the four Evangelists.

A series of resolutions representing the Irish Methodists' protest against Home Rule have been passed by the Committee of Privileges. It is asserted that under the proposed Irish Parliament religious liberty would be seriously imperilled; and that commercial interests would suffer. The Committee call upon Methodist ministers, office-bearers, and members to oppose the Bill at every stage, and suggest that a day of special prayer should be observed in every congregation. The Committee has drawn up a petition to Parliament.

BISHOP KIR, D.D., LL.D., who entered into rest on April 7th., at his home in San Francisco, in his eighty-second year, had faithfully served The Church in his highest office for more than thirty-nine years. He was the author of several notable works. The Church owes him a debt of gratitude for his "Double Witness of The Church," which has convinced many. Some of his other works are "Early Jesuit Missions in America," "Early Conflicts of Christianity," "Unnoticed Things of Scripture," and "The Church of The Apostles." Only a short time ago there was published an account from his own pen of the "Early Days of My Episcopate." His name will occupy a foremost place in the list of The Church's heroes.

THE Bishop of Salisbury, in presenting in the House of Lords last month a Bill to provide for greater freedom in religious instruction in board-schools, said the measure was an important one, inasmuch as there were at this time in England 1747 board-schools, educating about 1,500,000 children. In a considerable number of these schools—ninety-one at least—no religious instruction whatever was given. Some allowed Bible-reading, without note or comment; others, prayers or hymns, without any reading of the Bible. The Bill he was introducing was one which was intended to afford greater security to parents of children attending the public elementary schools provided by School Boards,