

# 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.

The Archbishop of Canterbury completed his sixty-first year on Monday, 14th July.

MR. JOHN HOPE, W.S., Edinburgh, Scotland, has set apart property valued at £84 459 12s. 8d. in trust for the prosecution of total abstinence and anti-Popery operations.

BISHOP SAUMAREZ SMITH sailed for Australia July 18 in the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Carthage*. The diocese of Sydney has now been without a "chief pastor" for fourteen months.

THE rumour that the Bishop of Worcester, Eng., desires to retire has been promptly contradicted. Dr. Philpot is over eighty years of age, but maintains unimpaired both his bodily and mental vigor.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Rev. Canon Maclure, vicar of Rochdale and archdeacon of Manchester, to be Dean of Manchester in the room of the late Very Rev. John Oakley, D. D.

THE late John P. Morton, of Louisville, Kentucky, left \$40 000 to the "Church Home and Infirmary," and \$30 000 to the "Orphanage of the Good Shepherd," in that city. His will was contested by the heirs, but has now been sustained by the court.

CHURCHMEN will be sorry to hear that Canon Liddon caught a chill at Lord Carnarvon's funeral, and is suffering from a very acute and painful affection of the nerves and muscles of the neck, coming upon him when in a greatly overtaxed and overworked condition.

JAPAN.—H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught laid the foundation-stone of the central portion of the building of St. Hilda's Hospital Tokyo, when she was at that place last April. Bishop Bickersteth, the Bishop in Japan for the Church of England, hopes that the whole of the building will be completed by the end of the year.

LATELY the grave closed on the Rev. Thos. Helmore, one of the priests in ordinary of the Chapels Royal, who since 1846 has been Master of the Children of the Chapels Royal. He was one of the foremost advocates of the revival of Gregorian music, and was a prolific author. His "Manual of Plain Song" and "Hymnal Notes" will long survive as monuments of his labor and learning.

It is (the *London Diocesan Magazine* says) the intention of the Bishop of London to admit the Chaplaincies in the north of Europe—i. e., those who are under the supervision of the Bishop of Gibraltar—to representation in the diocesan conference. The congregations of Northern Europe will probably be thrown into two groups—quasi-deaneries—each of which will be asked to return a certain number of lay and clerical representatives.

BISHOP POTTER (N. Y.) and Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt are not only intimate personal friends, but successful fellow workers in many

charitable enterprises. The financier accompanies the clergyman on his rounds among the poor for confirmation or for mission labors, gives good advice and more substantial aid, and is, in fact, a most useful and generous "missioner" under the directions of the energetic Bishop.

THE Rev. Edward H. Hopley writes to the papers to contradict the statement that fifty Protestant families have seceded in his parish from the Protestant Church. He mentions the particulars of all the cases, and the number of individuals, including four children, is seven who have done so. "The Nationalist party (he adds) have clearly overdone their task in this case in reporting the secession of so large a number as fifty families."—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

SOME of the most interesting pages in the illustrated guide to Lambeth Palace which has been written by Mr. Mandeville Phillips, assistant private secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, refer to the famous library, the scene of the Bishop of Lincoln's trial. Among the 50,000 volumes which it contains are many of the highest value, one of the rarest being a ninth century MS. of the Latin Gospels, with paintings of the Evangelists. This book was presented to the city of Canterbury by Athelstane. Autographs of distinguished Primates—those of Cranmer, Tillotson, Juxon, and Laud among them—and one of King Charles I., are to be seen in various works in the library.

THE Baptists and the southern Methodists have snubbed the House of American Bishops in the matter of Home Reunion, and have shown nothing of the conciliatory temper which distinguished the Presbyterians. As to the Baptists, we could hardly expect anything better, for the old darkey's verdict is still good: "Baptis' is got mighty hard shell; he mos' like ole' turtle unda watah in de mud." Take long stick an' big poke stick him out." The Methodist denomination in America is so full of the contemplation of its own swelling numbers, that it has, I fear, no ears or heart for reunion proposals. There never was such intolerable conceit in any denomination since the Donatists, and with far less reason than those schismatics. They have neither the grace of learning nor the learning of grace, as regards reunion.—*American Correspondent of Church Times*.

THE most significant event in Brotherhood circles lately has been the formation of a Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Canadian Church. The parochial Brotherhoods that have for some time existed in Canada on a somewhat uncertain basis, have united themselves in an organization closely modelled after our own. There can be no two opinions as to the wisdom and zeal shown at Toronto, and as to the very favorable auspices under which the Canadian Brotherhood has been formed. We surely represent the members of the American Brotherhood to a man when we say that they extend to the new organization a very hearty welcome and wish it most devoutly Godspeed. In all their future course, may the two Brotherhoods continue to work side by side in concord and

harmonious intercourse! Delegates from Canada will be cordially welcomed at the Philadelphia Convention; and definite provision should there be made for the transference of members and the maintenance of fraternal relations.—*Pacific Churchman*.

BUDDHISM.—Some striking things are said about Buddhism in the *May Missionary Review* by Dr. Ellinwood. To illustrate the enormous wealth which must at one time have been expended on the system, he quotes a description of the great pagoda which is one of the features of Rangoon. It is gilded from top to bottom, and its golden spire contains at least £60,000 worth of jewels. But, he goes on to say, the number of Buddhists in the East have been greatly overestimated. "There is no greater sham," he says, "in our day than the assumption that the masses of the people in a country like China, or Siam, or Ceylon, are in any intelligent sense Buddhists. The system never claimed to be an all embracing Church. It institutes a holy order of monks, and they may properly be called Buddhists. But if we can imagine a Roman Catholic country with no churches, but only monasteries and nunneries—with no systematic instruction, or ordinances, or sacraments, not even baptism—we shall have a counterpart to a Buddhist country." Farther, it is his belief that everywhere Buddhism is in a state of decline and decay. Strange if a religion which has become effete in the East should bud forth with new life in the heart of our Western civilization.—*Free Church Monthly*.

CONSECRATION OF REV. DR. NICHOLS.—Nine Bishops and over one hundred of the clergy assembled with the vestry, choir and congregation of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, to take part in the consecration of the beloved rector of that parish, Rev. William Ford Nichols, D. D., to the Episcopate as assistant to the Ven. Bishop Kip of California. The clergy of Pennsylvania, California, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware and other States were represented. The consecrator was the presiding Bishop Williams of Connecticut. The Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Neely of Maine, assisted by Bishop Potter of New York and Bishop Niles of New Hampshire. Bishop Scarborough of New Jersey preached the sermon. The Bishop-elect was presented by Bishop Whitaker of Pennsylvania and Bishop Quintard of Tennessee and others of the Episcopal order present, and taking part in the laying on of hands were Bishop Littlejohn of Long Island, Bishop Whitehead of Pittsburgh, and Bishop Adams of Easton.

The service began with the Trinity Hymn, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," sung by the vested choir, who were followed in the procession by nearly the full vestry of the parish, the diocesan, visiting and officiating clergy, the Bishop-elect, the other Bishops in their order coming last. The hymn before the sermon was "O Spirit of the living God."

Bishop Scarborough preached from St. Matt. 7: 29, "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Our Lord's divine authority, showing itself in the matter and manner of His speech, was to be the example