

# 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.

Eighty-seven sets of plans for the new cathedral at New York have been received by the trustees.

THE Rev. Mr. Coombs, formerly of the Methodist church, has become a candidate for Orders under Bishop Littlejohn.

THE consecration of the Rev. Dr. Knight will probably take place in the cathedral at Milwaukee about the middle of March.

A handsome new altar of Portage stone and mosaic has been presented to Trinity Church, Kansas City, and was unveiled by Bishop Talbot on Christmas day.

THE Rev. Mr. Spurr, a Methodist minister, at Valley City, Dakota, was received into the Church and Confirmed by Bishop Walker, at Fargo, on the 4th Sunday in Advent.

Melbourne Cathedral will be dedicated in March next. The building, with the exception of a central tower, will by that time be completed. The cost has been \$800,000.

St. STEPHEN'S Church, Philadelphia, was enriched by the presentation of a mosaic reredos. The subject is the institution of the Lord's supper, and is from the designs of Mr. Henry Holiday, of London. The mosaic is 12x5 feet and is calculated to contain over 189,000 pieces.

Canon Knox Little has been obliged to cancel all engagements in the United States, the state of his health forbidding any work. He will probably return to England at an early day, as the death of his father has just been announced.

A CHICAGO divine was remonstrating with an unordained preacher for taking upon himself the priest's office, when the irregular one replied: "Does not the Bible teach us to go and preach the gospel to every critter?" "Very true," said his holiness, "but it does not say every critter is to go and preach the gospel!"

ON Thursday, Jan. 17th, at St. James' Church, Cambridge, the Bishop of Montana, acting for the Bishop of Massachusetts, admitted to the diaconate the Rev. George E. Allen, formerly a Congregationalist minister, and confirmed the Rev. Frederic W. Bailey, lately a Universalist minister, and an intending candidate for orders.

A ten days mission will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Boston, under the auspices of the Parochial Mission Society, beginning February 9th. The preacher will be the Rev. E. Waipole Warren, rector of Holy Trinity, New York. There will be a short service and address on Saturday, February 9th, five services on the Sundays, February 10th and 17th, and three services on each day of the week, except Saturday, February 16th, when an address will be given in the afternoon to men only.

THE early Roman Church, on the heights of Dover has recently been reopened. The Church is regarded as one of the oldest Christian fabrics in England, its foundation having been laid fifteen centuries ago. For two centuries or more before St. Augustine landed on the neighboring coast it was standing, an enduring witness of the life of early British Christianity. Every evidence of antiquity has been scrupulously preserved in its restoration.

REV. W. S. Rainsford of New York, writes to *The Church of To-day*:

I must take exception to the statement made in your issue of January 10: "There is no church that throws open its doors and says to passers by, 'Come, worship, without money and price.'" For years we had, and to a less extent still have, a number of young men on the streets, inviting all they meet to come to St. George's. More than that, an enormous number of such people weekly accept the well known, general and perpetual invitation of the Church to come. We have 2,000 communicants. A very large proportion of these are poor, some very poor. The great majority of our communicants at early "celebrations" work with the hands. Of all the members and attendants on the church, a little over 700 have envelopes. The large proportion of these weekly envelopes, again, yield sums of twenty-five cents or less per Sunday.

My contention is, that it is a slur on our Christian people to say they will not give regularly and systematically to any church from which they do not receive a return in leasehold or real estate. I know they will, when the plain duty to support the Church as a divine institution is explained to them. Twenty-five years from now there will be no pew churches.

WE find in *The Sentinel*, of Fort Laramoth, Kansas, the following kindly notice, for which we return our thanks:

THE CHURCH GUARDIAN, of Montreal, is a large weekly paper containing much interesting information from the different dioceses of the Canadian Church. It is churchly in tone and tolerant in spirit. It should be in the family of every Canadian Churchman; and American Churchmen would find it an interesting and instructive paper. We welcome its visits to our sanctum. It contains sixteen pages and only costs a dollar. Address, 190 St. James st., Montreal, P. Q.

The *Sentinel* is issued monthly under the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, and contains a large amount of information regarding the work of the Church's in this part of the Field. It is ably maintaining Church principles, its motto being "Whet ye, stand fast in the Faith, Quit you like men, Be strong." May all success attend upon it.

MORNING and Evening Prayer, Litany, Holy Communion, and the offices of the Church are so arranged that the *beginning* is the foundation for all that follows. If you are not present to receive the opening preparation can you be fitted only to accept the closing Benediction?

Confession, Absolution and Blessing are the Church's order in the procedure of grace, not the second, without the first and second. Other considerations ought to influence us to perform this duty, but for the earnest minded and anxious is it not sufficient to say that the heart wanting to be blessed will be *waiting* for the outpoured grace?—*St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, Calendar.*

How wonderfully, in the history of her blessed Lord and Master, can we read the Church's history. She is the perpetual image of His whole existence. As He leads, She humbly follows. Christ the first; afterward they that are Christ's, is the rule, not of the Resurrection only, but of all things.

He came first in lowliness, and His Church began in lowliness; He was visited with the Holy Ghost in Jordan, and She on the Day of Pentecost; He labored in weariness and watchings, and had not where to lay His head till the Cross became His pillow; She, too, was long a houseless wanderer, solemnizing her holy mysteries in sepulchres, and scorned by the souls She would have shed her blood to save; He, after His day of martyrdom, ascended in power to heaven; and She, after hers, became mighty upon earth. Yet, as His victory is to our eyes invisible, so is much of her glory; and as His triumph is, in a manner unfinished, because unseen, so is She, in a degree, far more, as yet, imperfect, ineffectual, incomplete. But He shall once more ascend in visible, public supremacy; and then shall her enthronement be public, and her triumph consummate also.—*Bishop Welles.*

## THE S. P. C. K. AND THE HOLY EASTERN CHURCH.

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the following letter was submitted by the Secretary:

ANGOSTALI, June 27th, (O.T.), 1888.

Dear Sir,—The aim of the Society, which you so deservedly direct is to promote Christian Knowledge.

True Christian knowledge will in the end prove the best means of uniting all nations into one brotherhood. As therefore this is the end whereunto all my endeavours and pains tend. I established here in Angostali a public library, consisting of various books, but especially of such as will most contribute to promote this blessed knowledge. Many of these books I have bought myself, and many have been offered me by several gentlemen; but the more I get the more I feel the want of others to make a useful library. I am therefore obliged to pray all men loving mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour to contribute if possible to the establishment of it.

In consequence, I let you know, sir, as well as your respectable Society, that my flock and I will greatly thank you for any of your books. I am, sir, yours most affectionately,

ARCHIEPISCOPOS KEPHALLONIA,  
Zermais.

Mr. Reade, H. M. Consul at Corfu, sent a few lines in support of the application, setting forth the good works of the Archbishop, who was