

The Church Guardian

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"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 168th Hereford Musical Festival opened on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, with every promise of success.

THE enthronement of the Bishop-elect of Lichfield is now definitely arranged to take place on October 24th.

BISHOP HARR has returned from his mission to Japan and has been most warmly welcomed home by his own diocese.

A HANDSOME Memorial Cross has just been erected in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, in memory of the late Archdeacon Jacob.

THE rector and churchwardens of St. Bartholomew's parish Church, Colne, have intimated that the whole of the sittings in that Church are now free and open.

A LETTER has been received from Dr. Crowther, Bishop of Niger territory, stating that his health was much improved. Dr. Crowther was consecrated in 1864.

The second spandrel of the choir in St. Paul's Cathedral is now in process of gilding. A new window has been added to the clerestory of the choir, representing the prophet Daniel.

THE diocese of Georgia is still unsuccessful in securing a Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Talbot having declined to accept the vacant bishopric on the ground of the present needs of his own jurisdiction.

It is a curious sign of the times, says the *Indian Churchman*, that a Mohammedan fanatic has arisen in Northern India who declares that he is Christ, and calls upon his fellow Mohammedans to accept him as such.

THE Rev. P. H. Leary, the new incumbent of St. Catherine's Abercromby-square, Liverpool, has lost no time, for he has not only caused all the seats to be free and open, but has ordered the Church to be open daily, with daily prayer.

THE editor of *North East*, Portland, Me., says: "We are anxiously looking for old subscriptions and new subscribers. Would that our anxiety could be speedily relieved." We can sympathize thoroughly with him, being in like need.

THE presentation to the Archbishop of York by the priests and deacons who received ordination at his hands during the thirteen years of his episcopate in the See of Lichfield has taken the form of an archiepiscopal sapphire ring and an address. There were 350 subscribers.

MAINE.—The following statistics of the diocese are taken from the last Diocesan Journal: Families, 2,157; Individuals not included, 959; Baptisms, adults 83, infants 267; Confirmed, 178; Communicants, 4,168; Sunday school scholars, 1,787. Total offerings, \$58,175.64.

A CALL TO DUTY.—The natural summer is

ended, the vacation is over, and the time for more thorough consecration to the Lord's work has come. Our parochial organizations are about to resume work. May the coming fall and winter be a period of untiring effort to build up the Church, glorify God, and save immortal souls.

THE Bishop of Ohio, Dr. Leonard, has modified the sentence of the Rev. Howard McQueary, convicted of heresy, so as to annul that part of the sentence deposing him from the ministry, and merely suspending him till he pledges himself that he will no longer teach and publish his peculiar views.

CANON LIDDON'S MSS.—The literary executors of the late Canon Liddon have decided to give to the world a volume of sermons collected from his manuscripts and hitherto unpublished. Among these are the series preached at St. Paul's on Old Testament subjects, all of great brilliancy, profound spiritual fervour, and deep scholarly insight.

Dr. Goulburn, who resigned the Deanery of Norwich three years ago, has just presented the beautiful cathedral, with which he was associated since 1866, with a magnificent carved stone pulpit which has been placed in the nave. The former Dean, whose *Thoughts on Personal Religion* is one of the best known theological works in the language, having gone through some fifty editions, is now in his seventy-third year.

THE following anecdote may very possibly be old, but as it is possible that many of our readers have not seen it before, we place it before them for the sake of its smartness. It appears in the *Ecclesiastical Chronicle*:—"Bishop—had officiated in the college chapel one Sunday morning, and, though his discourse was most excellent in itself, it had no obvious connection with the text with which he introduced it. At dinner Professor Y—was asked an opinion of the Bishop's sermon. 'Dear old man!' he exclaimed. 'It was truly apostolic. He took a text, and then he went everywhere preaching the Gospel.'"

OCTOBER will be unusually full of matters of Church interest in the U. S. this year. The consecration of the Rev. Dr. Brooks as Bishop of Massachusetts takes place in Trinity Church, Boston, on Wednesday, the 14th. The Missionary Council is held in Detroit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has its sixth convention in St. Louis on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 22nd to the 25th. The consecration of Rev. Dr. Nicholson as Bishop of Milwaukee has been announced to take place in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, on St. Simon and St. Jude's day, Wednesday, the 28th.

THE Episcopal Church in Virginia has made remarkable progress in eleven years in its work among the colored people as respects increase in communicants and clergymen ordained. In 1879 there was only one colored clergyman in the diocese and possibly not more than

two hundred communicants in the whole State. St. Stephen's Church, Petersburg, was then the only regularly ordained colored Church in the diocese. There are today in the diocese 13 clergymen and four presbyters. There are also fully thirteen hundred communicants. Churches, chapels and school houses have been built in many places; two normal and one Divinity school also established, and one orphan asylum in a state of expectancy.

THE BISHOP OF RIPON ON SAINTS' DAYS.—The Bishop, in connection with the dedication festival, preached to a crowded congregation at Armley Church on Monday week from the words, 'Nathaniel said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see' (St. John i. 46). His lordship said that some time ago a feeling of prejudice used to exist concerning the commemoration of what were commonly called saints' days. The prejudice partly arose from a very worthy feeling. It was felt that it was always dangerous to put forward anyone who might seem to stand between men and the Redeemer of men; but the real object of bringing before them the story of the saints of old was not that they might think the less of Christ, but that they might think the more. It was because of the greatness of the Lord's power that they were asked to observe the story of those men whose lives might be described as being illustrations of the victories of Christ.

EPISCOPALIANS.—Of the name by which the Church is called in Scotland, the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney in his charge to his Synod pointed out that in the Canons it is now styled the Scottish Church, and remarked: 'We ought to resist the use of such sectarian terms as 'Episcopal Church' or 'Episcopalians,' because, though the meaning of these words may rightly describe us, just as the offensive word 'Trinitarian' does, still it is not in their literal meaning and sense that these words are used. They were never used to describe us in the days of St. Rule, of St. Columba, or St. Colman—they only came into use after Parliament had transferred our old and rightful name, 'Church of Scotland,' to another body. But the use of such terms tend to obliterate from the minds of the unlearned the sense of the continuity of the Church. And now that our old and legal name is the legal possession of another body, the designation 'Scottish Church' is a suitable one, a convenient one, and a happy one.

THE LATE RIGHT HON. H. C. RAIKES, M. P.—Henry Cecil Raikes was the son of Chancellor Raikes, of Chester, and grandson of the famous Mr. Raikes, of Gloucester, who was practically the founder of Sunday schools. He has always been a Churchman first and a politician afterwards; but he has been excessively popular in the House of Commons, an excellent Chairman of Committees, and despite recent events in the Post Office, a very able administrator. Courteous and considerate, an excellent judge of character, a prince of hosts, and possessed of a fund of dry humor, he will be much missed both in and out of Parliament. When he succeeded Mr. Walpole as Member for the University of Cambridge he was at once found to be