

# 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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## ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Newfoundland arrived in England the last week in July.

THE one thousand and eighth anniversary of the parish Church at Chester-le street, Durham, has just been celebrated.

THE Council of the Corporation of the Church House gives notice that they want £11,000 at once for the new permanent building.

THE committee of the C. M. S. have decided that the new Memorial Church to Bishop Hannington and Bishop Parker shall forthwith be erected in Mombassa, not in Frere Town.

RETURNED.—The Rev. J. T. Holme Beasley, who became a pervert to the Church of Rome in January, 1890, now announces his return to the Church of England. He was ordained in 1883.

THE Dean of St. David's the Very Rev. James Allen, has entered on his ninety first year. The patriarch of English deans, Dr. Gilbert Elliot, of Bristol, is in his ninety second or ninety-third year.

THE Birmingham Bishopric Scheme has fallen through, and the Bishop of Worcester has sought help for the diocese in another way. He has, it is said, decided to appoint a Suffragan-Bishop, and has invited the Rev. Canon Bowly, Rector of St. Philip's Birmingham, to accept the appointment.

By the will of the late Mr. Frederick Carver, A.C., the following bequests are made:—The Bishop of London's Fund, to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and to the National Society (for its general purposes) £2,500 each, and £2,500 to the National Society for assisting struggling Church Schools.

THE Church Pastoral Aid Society has received for investment a gift of £4,000 from donors who prefer to remain anonymous. The income is to be applied for the payment of a curate of St. James's, Sheffield. A gift of £5,000 to the same society, to be administered in supplying curates in the Isle of Man, was recently announced.

A movement has been started to secure a memorial of Dr. Maclagan's episcopate as Bishop of Lichfield, and it is proposed to place a portrait of the Archbishop in, and, if possible, found a scholarship, at Lichfield Theological College, and also to present him with a pastoral staff. Subscriptions amounting to about £500 have already been promised.

MICHAELMAS DAY has been appointed for the next consecration of Bishops, which will take place at St. Paul's. The sees to be filled are Lichfield, Truro, and Zululand. It is understood that the Bishopric of Natal, which has been in abeyance since the death of Bishop Colenso, will be revived when a successor to Bishop Macrorie, of Maritzburg, is appointed.

THE Archdeacon of Durham has, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter of Durham,

caused a small black marble cross to be placed in the chapel of the Nine Altars of Durham Cathedral, to mark the spot where the mortal remains of Bishop Lightfoot rested on the night before they were conveyed to their last resting place in the chapel of Buckland Castle.

THE CHAIST-AN MINISTRY.—The glory and dignity of the Christian ministry is not the position which it gives, but the work to which it calls men, not the prospect of advancement, but the power of doing good to others. The world estimates success by popularity or advancement; but in our Lord's view success lies not in outward honour, but in inward abasement.—*Archbishop of York.*

THE Vicar of Prescott has just found the ancient font which was used in Prescott Parish Church for a thousand years. He discovered it in Roby churchyard, and the vicar of that parish having renounced any claim to it, it has been restored to Prescott Church. It is simply a block of sandstone, roughly shaped and hollowed out, but it is by far the oldest relic now existing of the first Church built on the 'Prest-oote hill.'

THE G. F. S. of the Diocese of Lichfield presented Mrs. Maclagan, in recognition of her services as president of the society, with a testimonial comprising a timepiece in ebony and brass frame, with Westminster chimes, a pair of silver candlesticks, a silver inkstand, a stationary cabinet, blotting pad, and a very beautifully illuminated address. The Archbishop-elect of York acknowledged the presentation on behalf of his wife.

THE Duchess of Albany visited a dingy district of the East End of London lately, in order to open a mission room in Tait street, off Cable street, to accommodate a number of worshippers who have hitherto assembled under an archway of the Blackwall Railway. Her Royal Highness was attended by Sir Robert and Lady Collins, and among the company present to receive her were the Bishop of Bedford, Archdeacon Farrar, and Mr. Ritchie, President of the Local Government Board.

A novel plan for extinguishing a church debt has been hit upon in Melbourne, Australia. The Church Committee—or Vestry, as the case may be—divide the total debt among themselves, and each man insures his life for the amount that falls to his share. The policies are transferred to the Church, and the annual payments on them are made out of the collections. Then, of course, as the members of the Committee 'drop off,' the sums insured on their lives drop in, and later, when the only survivor dies, the last instalment of the church debt is paid.

THE OLDEST CHURCH IN EUROPE.—'Which is the oldest church in Europe?' asks the *British Architect*. Canon Routledge, in his *History of St. Martin's, Canterbury*, claims the distinction for that venerable edifice. He describes it as being the only existing church originally built as a church during the first four centuries that has remained a church till the present day. St. Martin's has a rival in St. Mary's-in-the-Castle,

Dover, which Canon Puokle believes to have been erected in the fourth century; but in the days of Queen Anne, and for a century and a half afterwards, this edifice was used as a garrison fuel depot.

AN amusing story of the late Archbishop of Canterbury is told by Mr. Boyd in his reminiscences of that prelate in *Longman's Magazine*. It is vouched for as literally true, the writer's authority being Dean Stanley, who related it in Archbishop Tait's presence at a Bishops' dinner at Lambeth. On one of his latest visits to a certain country house in a Scottish county, Dr. Tait went alone to the post office to send a telegram to his brother. He wrote it out, 'the Archbishop of Canterbury to Sheriff Tait,' and handed it in. The sceptical old postmaster read it aloud in contemptuous tones: 'The Archbishop of Canterbury!' and added, 'Wae may ye be that taks this cognomen?' The Archbishop, taken aback, remained silent for a moment. The morning was cold, and he had a woollen comforter wrapped around his neck: but on second view the postmaster thought he looked more respectable than on the first, and added, 'Maybe ye're the gentleman himsel.' Tait replied modestly, 'For want of a better, I am.' On which the good old Scot hastened to apologise for his first suspicion of imposture; adding, 'I might have seen you were rather consequential about the legs.' Then he added words of cheer, which Tait said truly were vitally Scotch: 'I have a son in London, a lad in a shop; and he gaed to hear ye preach one day, and was verra weel satisfied.'

## THE STORY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Messrs. Griffith, Farran & Co., of London, have done well to issue in a sixpenny form the 'Popular Story of the Church of England,' by G. H. F. Nye. How popular it is, will best be gathered by these words on the title page—'Fifth edition. Twenty-seventh to fiftieth thousand.' It takes us, in less than a hundred pages, from the third century down to Tract XC.—nay, it goes so far back into hoar antiquity as to mention Joseph of Arimathea at Glastonbury. In fact it gives Pentecost as the Church's 'Birthday.' It is a 'story in the most literal sense of the word; but it is a history as well, and comes most seasonably at a time when the question as to the Primitive Church receives so many and such different answers. Mr. Nye writes himself 'Financial Secretary to the Church Defence Institution,' and his book is the best *apologia* possible. It gives facts, as an antidote to certain fictions which might else pass current for facts in a popular manual issued by a body of distinctive controversialists. Mr. Nye's story does not avowedly enter the lists against this particular work; in fact, it is rather historical than apologetic, and certainly not aggressive; but it is better calculated to frustrate the evil such publications are designed to do than such ponderous defences as Lord Selborne's, which, however sound, is in no sense popular.—*Family Churchman.*