

# 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 newly-formed Church party in the House of Commons now numbers about 60 members.

BISHOP COWIE, of Auckland, as the senior Bishop, succeeds the late Bishop Hadfield as Primate of New Zealand.

DEAN PIGOU, President of the Church Choir Guild, announces that there are now twenty-three Bishops connected with the guild.

THE Archbishops of Rupert's Land and of Ontario have become Vice-Presidents of the CHURCH LAD'S BRIGADE, the headquarters of which are in the Church House, London, Eng., and for the Dominion in the Church of England Institute, Halifax, N.S.

THE Bishop of Hereford has been seriously unwell, and his health causes serious anxiety to his friends. Dr. Atlay is 77 years of age, and was appointed to the see of Hereford by Lord Beaconsfield in 1868. Previous to his appointment Dr. Atlay was vicar of Leeds.

THE Committee of the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association, England, has arranged for upwards of 443 sermons to be preached, mainly during the present month, in favour of Sunday observance and against the Sunday opening movement. Many provincial towns are this year co-operating in the movement.

A handsome silver cross of late 16th century date, costing about £150, has been placed on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Salisbury Cathedral, in memory of the late Miss Chafyn Grove, who during her lifetime presented the organ to the cathedral, and also at her death bequeathed a sum of £1,200 to the Dean and Chapter.

THE Rev. H. R. Haweis, who has hitherto adhered to the black gown in the pulpit, has announced his intention of adopting the surplice in future. "Twenty years ago," he remarks, "the surplice in the pulpit was the badge of Popery, and the black gown of orthodoxy. Now the black gown is the badge of Nonconformity, and the surplice is the sign of orthodoxy."

THE Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, of New York, speaking of the Parliament of Religions held recently in Chicago, said: "Had the Christians of the first centuries of our era known of an electric or universal religion, with an unknown God as the object of its worship, and the brotherhood of man as the sum of its moral code, 300 years of suffering and bitter persecution might have been averted." Without imputing the motives of its projectors, Dr. Dix said that the parliament was a masterpiece of satanic ingenuity, the baneful influence of which could not be over estimated.

THE National Church Reunion Society has now been formed. It consists of Churchmen and Churchwomen willing to furnish information and advice to Nonconformists interested in questions connected with the Church of England. The objects of the society are: (a) To advance the claims which the ancient historic Church of this country has upon the allegiance of all Christians, and to attempt to remove such misunderstandings as may exist with respect to Church doctrine and methods of work. (b) To unite in mutual co-operation those who in various parts of the country are working for those ends. (c) To form branches of the society wherever required, so that information and advice may be readily accessible.

AN encouraging work has recently been commenced in Cork, where the Irish Church Missionary Society have leased a hall in one of the poorest districts, and are holding regular meetings for Roman Catholics. The people have been stirred up on some occasions to violent opposition, and lately a new system of intimidation was resorted to, two Roman Catholic teachers being placed at the door to take down the names of those attending the meeting. But in spite of all attempts to hinder the work Roman Catholics have been found willing and glad to attend. The agency at Cork consists of two trained lay workers under the direction of the local superintendent, the Rev. F. W. Ainley. The Henry street Hall was till recently in the occupation of the Wesleyan body, the trustees of which have in a very friendly spirit leased the premises to the I.C.M.—*Family Churchman*.

THOSE who respect the Rev. J. J. Lias for his services to Biblical scholarship, and would desire to be assured of his attachment to sound Church principles, will be relieved by his explanation, in *The Church Bells*, of his action at the recent union meeting at Lucerne. It appears that he had added his signature to a paper in which, among other things, the exchange of pulpits amongst the various religious bodies was advocated, "wherever it is possible." This was, naturally enough, understood to mean that an interchange of pulpits between Churchmen and Dissenters was desirable. But Mr. Lias repudiates this interpretation, and says that he does not regard such an interchange as coming within the range of the "possible," but that where it is possible, that is among the Dissenters themselves, he does regard it as desirable. We have in all this an illustration of the results of "entangling alliances."

THE women of California have started a movement eminently fitting, and one that might be advantageously followed throughout the land. The object is the purification and elevation of the daily press. When one considers the freedom allowed to the children in our homes, in the reading of the newspapers, and the familiarity with crime of every kind

that may ensue the wonder grows how purity of character is to be maintained in the coming generation. One cannot touch pitch without being defiled. If adults find it difficult to read our daily papers with all their offensive details of crime, without a feeling of moral contamination and a deadening of the finer sensibilities, how can we expect the impossible minds of our children and youth to remain unhurt? We earnestly wish success to the women of California in this new crusade, and trust their example may be as leaven to quicken the community of every town and city in this direction of reform.—*Living Church*.

THE friends of definite religious teaching in the London Board schools have scored a victory in the School Management Committee. That body has approved, by 18 votes to 12, a circular to be issued to teachers in which they will be told that it was never intended that the teaching in the schools should diverge from the Christian religion as revealed in the Bible; that the principles of the Christian religion may be elucidated by parts of the Bible not embraced in the Syllabus; that the relation of the children to each Person of the Blessed Trinity is to be taught; and that any denial of our Lord's Divinity or Humanity is forbidden. The use of hymns, with the doxology and other prayers, besides the Lord's Prayer, is permitted; and teachers who have conscientious scruples are to be excused from giving the Bible lesson, without prejudice to their interests. It remains to be seen, of course, whether this proposed circular will be approved by the Board. It will certainly give rise to a severe fight.

IN our travels some of us have seen the old organ in a remote village of Germany, on the case of which are carved in the ruggedness of Teutonic characters three mottoes; if they could be rendered from their terse poetry into English they would do valiant service in our times for all the singers and players together. Across the top of the key-board is this:

"Thou playest here not for thyself, thou playest for the congregation; so the playing should elevate the heart, should be simple, earnest and pure."

Across above the right hand row of stops is this:

"The organ tone must ever be adapted to the subject of the song; it is for thee, therefore, to read the hymn entirely through so as to catch its true spirit."

Across above the left hand stops is this:

"In order that thy playing shall not bring the singing into confusion, it is becoming that thou listen sometimes, and as thou hearest thou will be likelier to play as God's people sing."—*Dr. Charles S. Robinson*.

THE lovely valleys in which we meet our friends and business associates ought to be just as verdant and well watered as those Sabbath elevations on which we "see no man but Jesus only."—*Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler*.