

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.

D. D.—Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of D.D. on the Right Rev. J. Barlow, the Bishop of Northampton.

WHAT NEXT.—A deaconess has been ordained for the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. This is the first instance of the kind since the General Assembly gave its sanction to the office.

S. P. C. K.—The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has placed £1,000 at the disposal of Bishop Knight-Bruce for work in the newly-formed diocese of Mashonaland.

FRENCH WORK.—A donation of £1,000 has been given to the Colonial and Continental Society to be applied for the stipend of a colporteur to labour among the French people in Lower Canada.

AT WORK.—The Bishop of Ontario, Dr. Lewis, was in Dublin in the beginning of October, addressing meetings on behalf of Miss Leigh's Homes for English speaking women and orphans in Paris.

BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS.—In Africa there are said to be 500 missionaries, 400,000 converts, and about 25,000 a year being converted. During the past five years there have been more than 200 martyrs in Africa.

IS IT TRUE.—The Nova Scotia *Eccliaistical Gazette* says:—Rumours of the Bishop of Nova Scotia's health are so disquieting that it is beginning to be feared that Dr. Courtney will have to abandon the hope of resuming work in his diocese—at any rate for a long time to come.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.—The treasures of Egypt are not yet exhausted. A fragment of papyrus, recently discovered in the Fayum, is inscribed with the words from the Greek Testament, "Before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny me thrice." This papyrus has a special interest for palæography and textual criticism. Further portions of the Gospels probably await discovery, and may surpass in antiquity any known writing of the same verse.

NEW BIBLE.—A former slave of the brother of Jefferson Davis has completed a translation of the Bible into the Sheetswa language. He is a graduate of the Fisk University, and has taken holy orders. This is the first attempt to reduce the Sheetswa language to writing. With its dialectic variations this tongue, we are told, is in use over a large section of Africa. It has many words borrowed from the Zulu, and is estimated to be

spoken by 300,000 people. It is claimed for the present work that it is the two hundred and ninety-third language and dialect into which the Bible has been translated.

CHURCH CLUB. Under the presidency of the Rev. H. Scott Holland, Canon of St. Paul's, some London Churchmen have founded the Christian Social Union, which "aims at drawing together, without regard to party politics, all members of the Church who heartily desire to recognize and fulfil the obligations that bind them to their fellow-men."

NEW HOME.—The Bishop of Manchester has consented to open the new Labour Home in Manchester in connection with the Social Scheme of the Church Army. The evangelist appointed, who has formerly been a prize-fighter, and his wife will be the "father" and "mother" of the Home, which, according to the scheme, provides for the reception of twenty to twenty-four men at any one time. "Strong" personal and religious influence, it is naively remarked, will be brought to bear upon them.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.—The presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in behalf of the Church Temperance society, of which he is president, has issued a request to all the Clergy asking them, on Sunday, Nov. 15th, "to set forth in sermons the duty of all Christian people in helping to restrain the monstrous evil of intemperance, which is working such harm to the bodies and souls of men"

ENTHRONEMENT.—The enthronement of the new Bishop of Milwaukee will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, at 11 a.m. Cards of invitation have been issued by the Standing Committee. The Rev. C. S. Lester, president of the Standing Committee, will preach the sermon. Dean Williams will conduct the service of enthronement, and the Bishop will be the Celebrant. On the next day, St. Paul's church will be consecrated.

RETURN HOME.—It is announced that the Rev. A. C. A. Hall, S.S.J.E., has relinquished the charge of the mission church of St. John Evangelist, Boston, and that he will return to Cowley, England. Father Hall has been in this country for some fifteen years in connection with the work of the Cowley Fathers in Boston; the last year or more, as Provincial of the order in America. It appears from the published letter of the Superior that a difference of opinion existed as to the administration of the affairs of the society in America. Father Hall's views were not sustained by the society. The letter also states that dissatisfaction had been expressed by the fathers

at home at Father Hall's course in recent events. The result is, as announced, that Father Hall returns to the house at Cowley.

OF DIVINE APPOINTMENT.—Bishop Potter of New York in his sermon at the consecration of Bishop Brooks in Boston, Massachusetts thus spoke of the ministry:—"Separate *Me*, Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them, and when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands upon them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed." Certainly there is no obscurity here. Juggle with the words as one may, he cannot separate the inward call and the outward ordination, the *spiritual* mission and the *tactical commission*, the divine empowerment and the human authentication of it..... But the fact remains that there is a way which is of *God's appointment*, there is a ministry which He first commissioned, and which they whom he first commissioned *passed on and down to others*. Its authority does not come up from the people, it descends from the Holy Ghost. And, as in the beginning its outward and visible sign was the laying on of Apostolic hands upon men called, whether to this or that or the other service, pastoral, priestly, or prophetic, yet still to an Apostolic ministry, so it has been ever since. We may exult over its corruptions and ridicule its pretensions and deride its efficacy. None of these things can dismiss out of human history or human consciousness the *fact* that, unless we are to reject the whole story of which it is a part, the Apostolic ministry is *an ordering of divine appointment, apart from which you cannot find any clear traces of a primitive ministry or a primitive Church.*"

PROOFS OF AN HISTORIC EPISCOPATE.

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(Concluded)

From these words of Ignatius, so clear, so strong, so abundant, we turn to the testimony of Irenæus, who was born not later than A. D. 130. He asserts that in his youth he sat at the feet of Polycarp, who had been appointed by the apostles a bishop for Asia in the Church of Smyrna," and that he had listened to the discourses in public and private of the venerable man, whose very looks and ways, he assures us, were indelibly impressed upon his mind. Irenæus further claims that he had opportunities of instruction from Asiatic "elders," some of whom, he tells us, had been disciples of the apostles. With these means of learning the traditions of the Church in Asia Minor, as