

The Church Guardian W H Naylor

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.

REV. Mr. Canfield, lately a Methodist minister, has become a candidate for orders in the Diocese of West Virginia.

CHRIST CHURCH, Rye, N.Y., celebrated on February 28th the 200th anniversary of its first election of wardens and vestrymen.

IN St. Cuthbert's (Established Presbyterian) Church, Edinburgh, there is now a *daily evening service of prayer, praise, and short address.*

A new Scotch Episcopal church, opened at Piershill, Edinburgh, was originally a Wesleyan Chapel, alterations having been made for the worship of the Church.

THE will of the late Mary D. Fox, of Philadelphia, contained bequests of \$10,000 to the Episcopal Hospital, \$10,000 to the Christmas fund, and \$5,000 to the Indian Rights' Association.

IN an Irish national school a child was asked what sea separated England from Ireland. In all good faith the pupil replied, "The Roman Sea." There was more truth than poetry in that answer.

DURING the year 1894 the National Society voted grants to Church schools and to diocesan and other local boards amounting to £18,678. These grants were voted towards an expenditure of £292,740.

IN one of his sermons, referring to the corrupt political ring in New York city, Dr. Parkhurst said: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but they make better time when some one is after them."

THE annual Lenten noonday service which has been conducted by the clergy of Chicago for 25 years past, is being held this year in the Central Music Hall, the attendance being much larger than in previous years.

THE Church of the Annunciation, West 14th St., New York, was sold lately for \$120,400, and the site will probably be used for a business building. The altar, font and other Church fittings were not included in the sale.

BISHOP TALBOT conducted on March 4th the "Quiet Hour" for clergy held in the Church Mission House, New York, on the first Monday in each month, addressing them from the words "Workers together with God."

THE tenth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Worthington (Nebraska) was celebrated on Feb. 24th in Trinity Cathedral. It was intended to present him with a pastoral staff, but the Bishop, hearing of the intention,

declined to receive it at present owing to the embarrassed condition of the Diocesan finances. Thereupon those interested immediately set to work to raise funds towards liquidating the \$1500 debt and presented the amount to the Bishop at the Commemoration service.

THE *Churchman*, of New York, says nearly all the churches in Chicago have daily services during Lent, and in many great self denial is being practiced in order to pay off debts at Easter or buy lots and gifts for the Church.

VIENNA is rich in old and historical churches, that of St. Stephen's being the most famous. It is in the centre of the city, and from it radiate all the principal streets. The bells of the church were cast from Turkish cannon captured during the siege of Vienna.

AT the special request of the Pope, the Bishop of Salford is leaving Rome immediately, after a stay of only five days, in order to return to his diocese and reply to the recent addresses of Dr. Moorhouse, the Anglican Bishop of Manchester, on Roman Catholic claims.

SPECIAL Lenten services and preachers daily throughout Lent are announced in very many of the parishes of the Church in the United States. There seems to be an earnestness and life in the Church on that side of the line which is strong in contrast with the Church in Canada.

REV. Wm. Page Roberts, of St. Peter's, Vere St., London, has been appointed to the vacant Canonry in Canterbury. A contemporary says of him: "His Church views were a little hazy perhaps, but his sermons were always eloquent, scholarly, and, so far as they went, convincing!"

AT the first Lenten service for boys in St. Paul's chapel, New York, on Friday, March 1st, there was a great crowd of office, messenger and news' boys, and space was also reserved for about 100 little girls from the Church school. The service lasted half an hour and was reverent and, apparently, much enjoyed.

THE *English Churchman* says that the speech delivered by Mr. Asquith, Home Secretary, in introducing the Disendowment of the Church in Wales Bill, was remarkable mainly for its brevity—only about 20 minutes in length—and for the utter absence from it of any appreciable reasons for the introduction of so momentous a measure.

LORD MELBOURNE once expressed his indignation at being obliged to listen to a preacher who insisted upon a man's applying his religion to his private life. That is the kind of preaching men need most, and, according to Mr. Gladstone, get the least of. This, we believe, is a quite unjust criticism upon the clergy. But Mr. Gladstone's idea of what a sermon

ought to do is not far astray. It ought, he holds, to lay forcibly upon the souls and consciences of the hearers their moral obligations, and probe their conduct and bring up their whole lives to the bar of conscience.

LADY Frederick Cavendish is a very useful addition to the platform strength of the Church Defence party. She always speaks as a Liberal, a Home Ruler, and a believer in Irish Disestablishment. But she holds that the arguments which went to support Disestablishment in Ireland are all against its application to England and Wales.

IN Japan a miniature Gospel of St. John, prepared by the three societies at work in the country—the British and Foreign, the American and the Scottish—has been issued for the special use of the Japanese troops. The little book measures outside only 2½ by 1½ inches; it has a guarding flap, the paper is extremely thin, and the type is clear and readable.

THE Rev. F. E. Carter, Canon Missioner of Truro, has accepted the office of Diocesan Missioner at Canterbury offered to him by the Primate. The office was founded as a memorial to the late Archbishop Tait, and it bears his name. Canon Carter will also, we believe, be appointed one of the "six preachers" in Canterbury Cathedral. After Easter, therefore, Canon Carter's long and valued services in the Diocese of Truro will be ended.

MR. Walter McLaren has given notice that on the second reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, he will move: "That this House is unwilling to pass a Bill which, while altering the law with respect to marriages, creates, for the first time, an inequality between the position of the husband and the wife, and grants a privilege to the husband by enabling him to marry his deceased wife's sister, which it does not give to the wife, as it does not enable her to marry her deceased husband's brother."

OVER 1,500 persons have assembled every Tuesday for six weeks past in the Mechanics' Institute Burnley, Eng., as auditors of Rev. C. Arthur Lane's Church History Lectures; and last Tuesday they passed by acclamation a strongly-worded resolution of protest against the Welsh Disestablishment proposals of the Government. Mr. Lane has also been lecturing to crowded audiences in the Town Hall, Buxton, on Mondays, and in the Association Hall, Birkenhead, on Fridays; the attendance at both places varying from 600 to 700, according to the weather. On Wednesdays he has lectured in the Town Hall, Nantwich, to an average of 200 persons weekly; on Thursdays, at Victoria Hall, Saltire, to 500; and on Saturdays, at Halsall, Lancs., to about 100 villagers, who had to brave the frost and snow for miles.

CHANGE happens to all, but to turn chance to good account is the gift of few.—Lord Lytton.