

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 *Church Review* says Bishops seem to be returning in large numbers to England.

THE Sunday school Lenten offerings from twenty-three parishes in Philadelphia amounted to \$2,900.

A VESTED choir of men and boys has been introduced into Grace church, North Attleborough, Vt.

THROUGH the generosity of Mr. Curtiss, a fine new rectory is being built for the parish of St. Barnabas, Buffalo.

IN Trinity Church, Albany, a vested choir, consisting of 10 men; 20 women, and 12 boys was introduced Easter Day.

BY the will of the late Charles Scott of Washington, \$25,000 is bequeathed to different Church objects in the United States.

BISHOP COURTNEY, of Nova Scotia, preached to a crowded congregation in Calvary church, New York, on Sunday morning, April 15th.

THE classes presented to the Bishop of Western New York during Lent for Confirmation showed a marked increase over previous years.

THE divorce rate for the five years past in New Jersey, U. S., has been 22.07 per 1,000 marriages, or one divorce to every 45.3 marriages.

PROBABLY the longest rectorship in the annals of the American Church is that of the Rev. Dr. Mansfield, of Christ church, Derby, Conn., 72 years.

THE Prayer Book Society of the P. E. Church in the United States has during the fiscal year distributed no less than 44,000 copies of the Revised Prayer Book.

THE fifth lecture of the Prayer Book Course in New York was delivered by the Bishop of Ohio, on April 15th, on "The adaptation of the Prayer Book for the Catholic Church."

FOURTEEN Counties in the Diocese of Ohio have never had a church service, and twenty have each only one weak mission. It is said that there is need for a division of the Diocese.

SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, speaking at Clifton the first week in April, on "The Church," bade his hearers remember that she (the Church of England) was the *Church*, and not a sect.

THE Right Rev. Horatio Southgate, D.D., died at Astoria, N.Y., on the 12th April, aged 82. In 1844 he was consecrated Bishop and

sent to Constantinople, his designation being Missionary Bishop in the dominions and dependencies of the Sultan of Turkey.

THE Bishop of Delaware has lately confirmed twelve persons at the old Swedish Church, and nineteen at St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, a large proportion of whom came from other religious bodies.

MR. ADOLPHUS W. CHEATHAM, a minister of the Presbyterian Body, has been received by Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri as a postulant for Holy Orders in the Church. He is a graduate of Princeton College.

THE Committee appointed last year to consider the subject of the division of the Diocese of Massachusetts, reports against such division, and recommends that sundry Archdeacons be appointed to help the Bishop.

THE Bishop of Manchester, speaking lately at Rochdale, said that it would be impossible to exaggerate the effect upon the moral and spiritual condition of Lancashire if the work of the National Church were seriously injured or impaired.

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells (says *The Rock*) so crippled with rheumatism that his power of locomotion is gone. At a recent confirmation at Bath Abbey and Wells Cathedral he was carried into the church on a chair, in which he sat during the service.

ON Easter Day a mixed choir of twenty-six voices was introduced into St. Stephen's church, Middlebury, Vt. The Easter offerings amounted to \$331. A processional cross was presented from the Sunday school, and a Paten and Chalice from the Guild of the Holy Child.

AT the London Diocesan Conference, held last month, a resolution was moved expressing the strong feeling of the Conference against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and the determination of English Churchmen to support their Welsh brethren. The resolution was carried by acclamation.

THE Parish of St. Paul, Norwalk, Conn., dates its existence sixty years before the Revolution, and the church is said to be the first consecrated in America by Bishop Seabury. A new and beautiful chapel has just been erected in connection with the Parish, called "The church of our Holy Saviour."

THE Duke of Westminster, while laying the foundation stone of a new church at Coldbath, Wales, said that there were evidences all over of the revival of the Church. This was one of the signs of the times, and he had no doubt that the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Asaph knew of very many cases where the congregations were daily and hourly increasing.

THE Rev. H. T. Armfield's "Statistics of the Total Ordinations in England," shows that the number of candidates was the lowest of recent years, and of the 103 (58 Deacons and 45 Priests) only 38, or some 36 per cent. were graduates of Oxford or Cambridge. This is the lowest percentage that has ever occurred.

THE Bishop of Manchester completed his visitation of his Diocese on the 7th April, which occupied him exactly a year. He visited every parish, had interviews with 921 clergy, and nearly every Church officer, and catechised 200,000 children in the day schools, besides giving addresses in every Deanery but one, to Church workers.

THE Bishop of Reading, in dedicating a new reredos in St. John Baptist, Oxon, lately said there were two things for which we had still to strive; first, to restore God's own service of the Holy Communion to its rightful position as the chief service on each Sunday which every Christian person should feel bound to attend; secondly, to make the daily life of Christians to correspond with their Sunday worship.

ON 23rd May, 1890, Mr. Gladstone, ex-Premier, used these remarkable words in regard to the Church in Wales: "There is a complete ecclesiastical, constitutional, and, for every practicable purpose, historical identity between the Church in Wales and the Church in England." Evidently the attack now being made on the former is, if successful, only a prelude to like action in regard to the Church of England itself, if successful.

THE Rev. Dr. Wilkins, rector of St. Paul's Church, Des Moines, Iowa, having been invited to address the mens' meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building on a recent Sunday, suggested that he should bring his vestry choir and hold the Church's service. The suggestion was accepted, and a congregation made up of about 300 men joined most heartily in the worship. So thoroughly was the service appreciated that it is hoped it may soon be repeated.

LORD ROBERTS laid last month the memorial stone in connection with the enlargement of the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolrich, built in 1753. Towards the cost, £8,000, the Rev. C. Escreet, the present rector, has contributed £1,000. A church has stood on or near the spot for about 1,000 years, and in the surrounding churchyard are buried many hundreds of soldiers who served in the Peninsular and other wars. Lord Roberts said: "He considered the Church typical of our national life, free from civil war and turmoil of political life, which had done its work unobtrusively, and the changes which had taken place in the course of its history only showed how the English people held fast to that which was good. Their old religion was well worth preserving. . . . It was the religion of England which