

## A GUILD PRAYER.

BLESS, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the work of the Guild and Congregation to which we belong, and of Thy Holy Catholic Church, where-soever spread abroad throughout the whole world. May Thy word have free course and be glorified. Give conversion to sinners; bring back wanderers to the fold; strengthen those who stand firm in the faith; and by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, help each against his besetting sin. For the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

## ECCLESIASTICAL FACTS.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *John Bull* furnishes that paper with the subjoined facts, which may serve to refute the statements put forth by political Dissenters and Liberationists:—

In the last half century, from £70,000,000 to £75,000,000 have been expended in Church purposes from voluntary contributions, in great part for the poor.

3,520 new churches in about the last 30 years.

12,500 Church-schools of the National Society (founded A. D. 1811.)

Thousands of other Church-schools.

The Bishop of London's Fund amounts to over £500,000.

In about the last five years, independently of the Bishop of London's Fund, £850,000 have been spent in the metropolis on churches, schools, and Home Mission institutions.

In the diocese of Oxford alone (an agricultural one) £2,125,000

were raised in 25 years (in Bishop Wilberforce's time) for Church objects.

In the diocese of Ripon £638,000 were expended in six years on the Church.

Sir Arthur Guinness gave £150,000 for a Cathedral in Dublin, just before the Disestablishment of the Irish Church.

Mr. Roe has restored the other Dublin Cathedral at a cost of from £30,000 to £50,000.

Miss Walker has contributed £40,000 for a Cathedral in Edinburgh, and £1,000 a year for the first Incumbent thereof.

Baroness Burdett Coutts' munificence in Ecclesiastical affairs.

Dr. Warneford's generosity to the Church in Gloucester and elsewhere.

Keble College, Oxford, for the chapel of which Mr. Gibbs gave £20,000.

Curates' Augmentation Fund.

Church Scripture-readers' Society.

Numerous Theological Colleges.

Training Institutions for Church Schoolmasters and Mistresses.

£400,000 expended year by year by Incumbents for Curates, to render the services of the Church more efficient.

Almost all our Cathedrals, Minsters, Parish Churches, and Chapels-of-ease restored or enlarged.

Seventy Colonial and Missionary Bishoprics.

About £300,000 subscribed annually by the S. P. G. (founded A. D. 1701) and the other Church Missionary Society.

The aggregate sum expended by the English Church on Missions to our Colonists and the heathen is rather over £500,000 per annum.

St. Augustine's College, Canter-