

# The Church Guardian.

"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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One Dollar a Year.

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**A GOOD EXAMPLE.**—The offerings in St. Paul's Church, Chicago, on Easter Day, amounted to \$10,000, and ensure the removal of the debt resting upon the Parish.

ON Easter Monday the Hon. Geo. Heywood was elected a member of the vestry of St. Andrew's church, Mount Helly, N. J., for the sixtieth time consecutively.

SIR EVELYN WOOD has procured some twigs from the Napoleon willow at St. Helena to plant on the spot where the Prince Imperial lost his life. These he will give to the Empress on her reaching Zululand.

THE Duchess of Marlborough's committee is sitting regularly, and the amount of the fund reached £104,252 on the 1st. The usual letter, enclosing a remittance of £2,000, was received from the Lord Mayor of London at the last meeting.

A TURKISH paper published at Constantinople, the *Jerdjiman Hakiket*, known to be in intimate relations with Said Pasha, the Prime Minister, says candidly, in its last issue.—"We consider it an honour to detest and insult that Europe which approves the brigands who violate and burn alive the people who receive them hospitably. We abhor Europe.

SOME days ago a party of Styrian wood-cutters in the forest of Drommling began to fell a venerable oak, which, being half decayed, speedily came to the ground with a crash, disclosing a skeleton. By its side was a powder-horn, a porcelain pipe-bowl, and a silver watch on which was engraved the name "E. von Krackowitz, 1812." It is conjectured that, while hunting, the man climbed the tree, and slipped into the hollow trunk, from which he could not get out.

It is related that Archdeacon Denison was once closely pressed in an argument, but was evidently resolved to die hard; and at length his antagonist, a virtuous engineer of the Smiles ideal, lost patience at the irregular warfare of the Archdeacon. "Look here, sir," he exclaimed despairingly, "do you acknowledge that two and two make four?" "I am not prepared to make an admission of that importance," replied the Archdeacon, "till I have given the subject the maturest consideration. Sometimes it is supposed that they make twenty-two."

THE Cleveland *Herald* is before us. In its accounts of the Easter doings we are glad to note that the Presbyterians had a "chorus choir" which sang amongst other anthems "They have taken away My Lord." The Congregationalists had "praise services." The Baptists had "floral decorations" and service of song, while the M. E. and First Methodists had Solos, Recitations, Cornet Solos and songs—by a "chorus choir assisted by a chorus of children" the whole concluding with a "Postlude organ" whatever that may be—perhaps it is the sectarian phrase to denote a retrocessional. They also indulged in "readings" and "responsive readings." All of which is powerfully suggested of "Protestant Episcopal Germs."—*Western Church.*

At the chief criminal court of Tiflis are now being tried the Prior and several monks of the Monastery of Etchmiadzeen, the residence of the Patriarch of the Armenian Church, and situated near Mount Ararat, on a charge of manufacturing false Russian bank-notes and silver pieces. Suspicion attaches to them of having also killed the man who engraved the plates for the notes. These seem to have been very badly executed, but the coins were better imitation. In company with the monks figure some Armenian traders, accused of complicity.

ON Easter Thursday the Rev. A. Styleman Herring, vicar of *St. Paul's Clerkenwell*, baptised the large number of 285 children and adults.

THE fact that the Rev. Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, London, England, was a candidate for the House of Commons at the election just held, in which by law, no ordained "clergyman" can sit, shows the admission on his part that he is not in Holy Orders, and is not a clergyman.

THE centenary of the introduction of Christianity into Tinnovelly has been celebrated at Palamcotta, India. The Anglican Bishops Gell (Madras), Caldwell (coadjutor), and Sargent (coadjutor), and all the missionaries connected with the Church Missionary Society and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, were present, besides a very large number of native Christians. One hundred years ago there was a congregation of forty persons in Palamcotta; now some 1,500 villages in Tinnovelly are occupied. There are 89 native ministers, 59,263 baptized and 31,402 unbaptized Christians, and 13,265 communicants.

BISHOP SELWYN'S life in New Zealand proves that there may still be Apostles: "He journeyed all over the island to inspect the different parishes. His first visitation occupied six months, during which he traveled 762 miles on foot, 86 on horseback, 249 in canoes or boats, 1,180 by ship. Wherever he went, his manly gentleness and absence of cant caused him to be welcomed by all who crossed his path. He visited the poor as well as the rich, and spent much of his resources in relieving the sick and needy. He would sit up half the night by a pauper's bedside, cooking little delicacies with his own hand, and numbing the pain of suffering by pleasant chat and counsel. Whatever creed men may hold, an exquisite humanity appeals to all; and it was Selwyn's winning unselfishness and sympathy that were at the bottom of all the missionary successes he achieved. During his rule in New Zealand, he parted with more than half his income to assist in the erection of colleges. When he landed at Wellington, he found the colony lacking spiritual supervision, schools, hospitals, and Churches; but when he quitted the island, he left behind a large staff of active clergy, Churches in every important town, hospitals not wanting for funds, and schools well attended by the children of the colonists."

## WHAT IS THE SACRAMENTAL SYSTEM OF THE CHURCH?

The Church invites, nay commands, all Christian parents to come and dedicate their offspring to God at an early age. The child is to be taught as soon as it can understand, to look back at the vows and pledges under which it is living and to remember its high and holy privileges; taught also to look forward to the day when it shall itself solemnly renew the pledge of Christianity in sight of the congregation, and dedicate itself afresh to Christ. *Alas what evils have arisen through not keeping these things present in the child's mind!* But the young person is not left here, but is commanded further to come frequently to the Lord's table and there to dedicate himself afresh to God, "and here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee." And does not such a system, even setting aside for the moment all mystery connected with it, specially commend itself to the judgment and to common sense; nor less so in these days when we hear so much of the value of taking pledges; and should it not inspire us with heartfelt gratitude to Him who has had, in this, such tender solicitude for his young followers?—*Col.*

ON Tuesday in Easter-week the Bishop of Wisconsin received the following letter: My dear Bishop:—My sister and I went without eating butter this Lent, and we saved five dollars we will send to you for the Missions. Good-Bye, from—

WHEN Michael Angelo came one day to inspect the drawings of his students, he wrote on one of them the word *amplius*, wider; and so in some other way or other we must widen our interests, if, at least, we would keep our minds vigorous, our hearts fresh and characters full-rounded.—*Christian at Work.*

AN "Occasional Note" in the *Pall Mall Gazette* says a report has somehow got current in St. Petersburg that "an apartment is just now being furnished very comfortably in the fortress of Schusselburg, which has always been appropriated as the residence of Russian political prisoners of high rank." It is believed that "the real chief of the Nihilist conspiracy has at last been discovered, and that this apartment is destined for him."

ON Palm Sunday, at St. Paul's, Richmond, Indiana, Bishop Talbot ordained to the Diaconate Zachens Test, M. D., and Wm. H. Milnes. It is worthy of note that on this occasion, the ordaining Bishop, the presenting Presbyter (Rev. Dr. Wakelield), and one of the candidates for Holy Orders (Dr. Fest), were all formerly members of the "Society of Friends," and all came into the Church at a mature age. It is not likely that another such instance has occurred in the Church, or will ever again occur.

THE Bishop of Exeter has granted a preacher's license to the Rev. Richard Perkins, secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the West of England, who was for nearly 20 years an Independent minister. Seven years ago he was appointed to the secretaryship, which brought him into contact with Church people and enabled him to contrast the spirit of Church life with that of Independency. The result was that three years ago Mr. Perkins conformed, and was admitted to Holy Orders by the Bishop of Exeter, in whose diocese a larger part of his work lies. He was thus better able to advocate the interest of the Bible Society by preaching in its behalf in the Churches in his district, and that there may be no irregularity in such a method of work the bishop has now taken it under his own supervision, and has licensed Mr. Perkins as a roving preacher throughout the diocese. Mr. Perkins is a fluent speaker, whom the Independents must have been sorry to lose. He is the author of a "History of Great Malvern."

OUR brethren of the secular press sometimes give very queer notices of Church Services, from not understanding the ancient usages and terms of the Church. The *Milwaukee Sentinel* has a reporter, whose descriptive powers as tried on the Easter services in Milwaukee, are worth a fortune, while his idea of the object of a Church Service is evidently not a Scriptural one. This is the way he "gushes" over the Easter Service in a certain Church:—

"At 11 o'clock the magnificent Church auditorium was comfortably filled. There was a marked attendance from other Churches, everyone anxious to witness the impressive exercises, hear the sermon, or listen to the charming choral music presented. The altar was adorned with the Easter cloths, and on the floor at either side were not less than half a dozen full grown calla lilies, and two beautiful bouquets of begonias, scarlet geraniums, white roses, carnations and other choice flowers. The lectern was decorated with calla

and festooned with smilax and several varieties of Hyacinths. The font was beautifully clasped in callas and light tinted oleanders. The pulpit was exquisitely intertwined with ivy, callas, oleanders, etc., while a rich embroidered pulpit cloth fell partially over the front.

The music was truly delightful, surpassing anything before heard in the Church. The offertory, was sung in soprano solo by Miss Nellie Wells as was the novel and harmonious cornet accompaniment by Hutchins."

SOME offerings of the Churches in the United States on Easter Day: St. Michael and All Angel's Church, Baltimore, \$2,800; Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1,500; Zion Church, Palmyra, N. Y., 1,260; Christ Church, Buffalo, N. Y., 1,000; St. John's Church, Troy, N. Y., 4,171.52; Grace Church, Baltimore, 6,000; St. Paul's Church, Akron, Ohio, 4,200; St. Luke's Church, Brooklyn, 8,000; Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, 3,000; St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn, among others an offering of 1,000 from Seymour L. Husted, for debt on the Rectory; Grace Church, New Bedford, for Church, 15,252; St. Paul's Church, Troy, 4,000. And so we might go on column after column if we had the space. Truly, God is blessing the American Church with generous hearts.

## INFANT BAPTISM.

The baptism of infants was universally practised by the early Christians. It is admitted by those who now oppose infant baptism, that from the 3rd to the 15th century infants were baptized.

Before the third century we have the writings of Cyprian witnessing to an assembly of 66 Bishops, in the year 253, which fully recognized the duty of baptizing infants. If infant baptism had been an innovation, some mention would have been made of it in that assembly, instead of which these 66 Bishops were of opinion that baptism should be administered immediately after the birth of the child.—*Com.*

## Foreign Missions.

### THE DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR MISSIONS.

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH.

*Annual Summary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.*

FIVE hundred and sixty seven Missionaries have been engaged in the past year in the various fields. They are thus distributed:—In Asia, 135; in Africa, 121; in Australia and the Pacific, 60; in America and the West Indies, 248; in Europe, 2. There are also about 1,200 catechists and lay teachers, mostly natives, in heathen countries; and about 250 students in colleges abroad.

1. ASIA.—Famine and the sword have made their presence felt in divers parts of the Eastern World during the past year. In Southern India and in China the scourge of want has evidently been blessed by God as a means of winning the heathen who have been attracted by the benevolent aspect of the Religion of Love. In Tinnovelly more than 30,000 persons have abjured heathenism and offered themselves for instruction. The appeals made by the Society, first to relieve the necessities of the thousands who were left orphans in the South Indian famine, and, secondly, to provide for the spiritual education of the new converts, were nobly answered. The generous donors have the satisfaction of knowing that in the one instance they will be the means of bringing up under the influence of Christian teaching thousands of destitute children, and in the other that their

beauty, under the administration of Bishop Caldwell and the native Church Councils, has secured for that Church freedom from all pecuniary anxiety under the increased responsibilities of these large accessions for a period of five years. In China, where the Missions of the English Church are in an earlier stage, English benevolence has been distributed by the Missionaries amid the wonder and the gratitude of the heathen. The growth of the Church in Ahmednagar, in Bombay, and in Delhi is a continued source of thankfulness to God. In Northern India and in Burmah wars and rumours of wars have prevailed. If in these cases the sword shall prove to be, however incongruous the thought, a pioneer of the Gospel of peace the phenomenon will not be unprecedented.

2. As in India, so still more in Africa, the sword has been drawn—to the hindrance of the Missions, and in some cases to the destruction of Missionary Stations. The Bishop of Pretoria arrived in his adopted country to find the land suffering from drought and war, and his position calls for the warm sympathy of his friends. In the friendly warfare which has in many instances been given by Kafir Chiefs to the Missionaries, and which has enabled them and their converts to escape from impending dangers, a convincing proof is afforded of the influence of Christianity even over those who have never accepted its teaching.

3. In Australia, the Episcopate has received an addition in the See of North Queensland, and in the person of Bishop Stanton. Here, as in many other Colonies, the Church has a great missionary field before her in the Coolie immigrants from the East, and the East India Company of the Australian Dioceses are alive to their responsibilities.

4. From New Zealand the Primate (the Bishop of Christ Church), and the Bishop of Dunedin came to England to take part in the deliberations of the Lambeth Conference. Bishop Willis still continues his patient work in Honolulu.

5. In North America, the See of Montreal has lost Bishop Oxenden, who is succeeded by Bishop Bend; by the vote of the House of Bishops the office of Metropolitan has been vested in the person of the Venerable Bishop of Fredericton. The Diocese of Algoma still remains unendowed, and dependent on the contributions of older Dioceses. In Rupertland and Saskatchewan the volume of immigrants calls loudly for the prompt efforts of Churchmen that the faith may progress as these important countries are developed. The See of Newfoundland is again happily filled.

6. In the West Indies the Church is suffering severely in some places from the progress of disestablishment; and in others is making satisfactory efforts towards self-support; in some of the islands and specially in Trinidad, and in Guiana, Coolie labourers afford a hopeful field of Missionary effort. Nassau has a worthy successor to the late Bishop Venables.

7. The course of public events has connected Great Britain with the Island of Cyprus, and the Society with the warm approval of the Bishop of Gibraltar, has arranged for the maintenance of a clergyman in that island, who, while caring for the members of our own Communion, will be "not a rival, but a friend," of the clergy of the Eastern Church.

8. To another Missionary effort the Society has contributed by placing a sum of money at the disposal of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to enable His Grace to respond to the appeal for teachers; which has come to the English Church from the (so-called) Nestorian Churches of Kurdistan. The subject has recently attracted the attention of the Upper House of the Southern Convocation of Canterbury, and it may be hoped that action will shortly be taken in the interests of these poor and ignorant, but faithful brethren.