

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 Bishop of Durham, Eng., has accepted the office of Vice-President of the Church Defence Institution.

The Bishop of London is about to proceed to Wiesbaden, to consult an eminent specialist in regard to his sight. Of late it has become very much weaker.

BETWEEN £50,000 and £60,000 has been spent during the last eight years in connection with the Church of England churches and schools in Acerrington.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has fixed St. John the Baptist's Day for the consecration of the Bishops of Bangor, St. Albans, and Sydney, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England.

MR. ANDREW PEAK, a very well-known self made man in Horwich, near Bolton, Eng., who died in December last, has left a bequest for ever for ringing the eight o'clock or "curfew bell" at his old parish church.

THE Marquis of Salisbury has recommended to Her Majesty the Rev. J. W. Festing, vicar of Christ Church, Albany street, and prebendary of St. Paul's, as successor to Bishop Claughton, to the Bishopric of St. Albans, England.

AT St. Michael's Church, West Retford, Eng., on Whitsun Day, a reredos in carved oak with three panels in alabaster, representing the Ascension, was given by a parishioner. It is said to be the most beautiful of its kind in the county of Notts.

THE authorities of St. Paul's, London, are pushing on as rapidly as possible the decoration of the roof of the choir above the far-famed reredos. The work was commenced by the late Dean Millman with the text "Christ is risen," over the altar.

ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—At the annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Institute, it was stated that there are now 5,733,325 scholars in England and Wales, and that the total number of Sunday scholars in the United Kingdom is 6,695,399. Roughly it may be said that almost the whole school population attends a Sunday school.

THE Bishop of Truro, Eng., attended service on a late Sunday at Truro Cathedral for the first time for many months, during which he has been travelling in Egypt and elsewhere for the benefit of his health. His recovery, for which thanks were returned, appears to be sufficiently complete to set at rest the rumors of his probable resignation which have been circulated during his absence.

It is stated that the Bishop of London contemplates securing a third suffragan Bishop for his unwieldy diocese. The living of All Hallows, London Wall, worth £1,700 a-year, is now vacant by the death at a ripe old age of the Rev. Charles Lacy, and this, in the Bishop's

view, ought to be set apart as the endowment of an assistant Bishop. The population of the parish is small, the attendance smaller, and the need of London for more Episcopal supervision very great.

A REMARKABLE testimony to the growing strength of the Church of England is to be found in Sir James Kitson's electioneering address. He tells the voters of the Colne Valley Division of Yorkshire (England) that, though his personal feelings are wholly in favor of disestablishment, yet in his opinion the adhesion of the nation to The Church is increasing to such an extent on all sides that disestablishment is not likely to enter into the region of practical politics during the life of the next Parliament.

THE annual demonstration of Church of England Sunday school scholars took place in Manchester, Eng., lately, and the weather being fine there was an enormous attendance of people in the leading thoroughfares, which were blocked for all other traffic for several hours. The schools, accompanied by over a score bands, and carrying hundreds of banners, assembled in Albert-square, in front of the Town Hall, and it was calculated that there were 17,000 or 18,000 scholars present. After singing the Old Hundredth and the National Anthem they formed a vast procession, and walked through the principal streets, many of them afterwards attending service at the Cathedral.

THE Bishop of Manchester preached a striking sermon on Whitsun Day at St. Anne's, Manchester, from Acts ii. 38, in which after dwelling on the coming of the Holy Ghost that day, he said that there was an attempt being made to-day to repeat the great experiment of Julian the Apostate, an attempt—to use the modern slang—to boycott Christianity, to abolish it, to keep it out of our seats of learning, our courts of law, our marts of commerce, the scenes of our social intercourse, and so let it perish of atrophy. Let Christians fear not to encounter these hostile forces in the power of Christ's spirit, trusting to His promise that in the day of their emergency He would put it into their lips that which they should say. So would they live, and so would they repeat the triumphs of Pentecost.

A NOTABLE UTTERANCE.—The vicar of a Welsh parish has received a letter which he says comes from an "educated, cultivated, and influential Nonconformist" parishioner, in which the writer proposes to join the Church Defence Institution, if he is eligible for membership. "I find it difficult," he says "to express my sense of the historical unverity which so frequently characterises Liberationist utterances; and I am surprised that so many Nonconformists view with such equanimity, as they appear to do, the rapid advances which, with their sanction and support, are being made towards a secularisation—that is a dechristianisation—of our national life. I am still more surprised at the spite and prejudice and petty irritability so often manifested by Liberationist agitators."—*Family Churchman.*

LONDON.—A pastoral letter from the Bishop of London (Eng.) was read in all the churches of the diocese on Sunday, May 4. It appealed for larger and more generous contributions to the Bishop of London's Fund. We append the closing paragraph:—"I entreat your kindness to assist to the utmost of your power such excellent work as this. Your fellow-citizens have the first claim on you. It is excellent to send the Gospel to the heathen; it is excellent to help our fellow-countrymen in the Colonies to maintain our common worship among them whenever they cannot do it for themselves. But above all it is excellent to provide that those who are living at your very doors, and whose means are exhausted in gaining bread for themselves and their families, should not be allowed to lose the Bread of Life for lack of ministers to give it to their souls. 'How can they preach unless they be sent?' I pray you give me the means to send them.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.—The restoration of St. Anselm's Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral being now complete, it has been set aside for purposes of private prayer and meditation. The annual visit of the members of a guild belonging to the High School for Girls, founded in London ten or twelve years ago, was rendered especially interesting by their receiving the Holy Communion in St. Anselm's Chapel, which was used for that purpose for probably the first time for 340 years. This chapel, which is on the south side of the Cathedral, and at the east end, is one of the oldest parts of the building. It escaped the fire in 1174; but, when the present choir was built, it would seem that the roof pressed upon the north wall of St. Anselm's Chapel and crushed it. Accordingly various means were adopted to support the building and resist the thrust of the choir roof. Amongst these was a buttress wall, which was built across the apse of the Chapel, and cut off one-third of the old Norman arcading. About two years ago Canon Holland undertook the restoration of St. Anselm's Chapel, and after carefully strengthening the walls by iron girders and masonry, he was allowed to take down this buttress wall, and then there was discovered behind it, on the north wall of the apse, the fresco which has excited so much interest. The whole of the chapel has now been thoroughly restored, under the guidance of Mr. Pearson.

CHURCH ARMY.—The annual meeting, under the presidency of the Bishop of Ripon, was a large one, every part of the large Hall being filled. He was supported by a good band of the officers of the Army, and of the nurses from the Home, who gave the best help in leading the singing. The meeting was opened by the singing of the grand old hymn, "O God our Help in ages past," after which the Creed was heartily recited, and prayers were led by Capt. Dawe and Capt. Shepherd. A brief report was given by the hon. Secretary (the Rev. J. J. Chambers), who said a pleasing feature of the progress of the Society was the increase in the pages of the report devoted to the subscription list. It was not only that the amount was much greater, but that the number of the subscribers also was much greater; so that it may