

# 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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## PAROCHIAL MISSIONS TO THE JEWS.

The following lines are published by the Committee of the above Society and are well calculated to bring home to the hearts of Christians their duty towards God's ancient people. We heartily commend to Churchmen the appeal for this Fund, which will be found in other columns:—

### A PLEA FOR ISRAEL.

Scattered by God's avenging hand,  
Afflicted and forlorn,  
Sad Wanderers from their pleasant land  
Do Judah's children mourn:  
And e'en in Christian countries, few  
Breathe thoughts of pity towards the Jew.  
Yet listen, Gentiles, do you love  
The Bible's precious page?  
Then let your hearts with kindness move  
To Israel's heritage.  
Who traced those lines of love for you?  
Each sacred writer was a Jew.  
And then, as years and ages passed,  
And nations rose and fell,  
Tho' cloud and darkness oft were cast  
O'er captive Israel,  
The oracles of God for you  
Were kept in safety by the Jew.  
And when the great Redeemer came  
For guilty man to bleed,  
He did not take an angel's name:  
No—born of Abraham's seed—  
Jesus, who gave His life for you,—  
The God Incarnate—was a Jew.  
And tho' His own received Him not,  
And turned in pride away,  
Whence is the Gentiles' happier lot?  
Are you more just than they?  
No! God in pity turned to you—  
Have you no pity for the Jew?  
Go, then, and bend your knee to pray  
For Israel's ancient race;  
Ask the dear Saviour every day  
To call them by His grace:  
Go—for a debt of love is due  
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.

### ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

A Deaconess and Missionary Training Institution is about to be established in Liverpool on the basis of the Mildmay Sisterhood in London.

THE Bishop of Durham is making satisfactory progress towards complete recovery. He goes out for short drives every day when the weather permits.

THE new edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" will make its appearance next month. It will include no fewer than 165 new hymns, and the music has been carefully re-edited.

A tramp entered St. John's Mission Chapel, Wythville, Va., spent the night, using the Bible for his pillow, and the organ and vestry room curtains for his covering, and in return

for the hospitality carried off the curtains, pocketed a goodly number of books, tore the surplice, and stole the stole.

The *Christian Register*, U. S. (Unitarian) says: "We believe that no Church is addressing itself so earnestly to the work of carrying Christianity to the common people as is the Episcopal Church."

There are nearly ninety parishes in the Diocese of Albany, sustained in part by the Board of Missions, without any assistance from the General Board. Less than half the parishes of this diocese are self-sustaining.

The *Church Echo* is the title of a new Church paper published in London. Its object is "to raise up a Church party in the House of Commons," and "to increase the political power and influence of the Church of England."

THE consecration of the Rev. Cyrus F. Knight as Bishop of Milwaukee took place at All Saint's Cathedral on March 26. Bishop McLaren was Consecrator, and was assisted by Bishops Gilbert, Burgess, Seymour, and Tuttle.

THE St. Andrew's Brotherhood is making strides in Connecticut. We hear rumors of a new chapter in Hartford and another in New Haven. A conference of chapters within the diocese will be held, probably in New Haven, on the third Saturday and Sunday in May, and a diocesan union formed.

THE Cathedral, Albany, N. Y., has received from England a pair of brass candlesticks, made after the pattern of those in St. Paul's, London, which are in silver. They are massive, and elegant and hold one large candle each, which are lighted at all early celebrations, and latterly at the late celebration also.

It appears from the Year Book of the Church of England, that in 1875 the number of persons confirmed in England was under 138,000, while for 1888 the corresponding total was over 217,000; an increase in thirteen years of nearly 58 per cent, which is almost four times as great as the growth of the population.

At a recent Sunday school meeting, a speaker said: "In my own home, in Chicago, there were four anarchists Sunday schools with 2,000 scholars. One of these was Polish, and a friend of his who understood that language went there to learn what they taught. I found they taught three things—that there was no God, that the Bible was a lie, and that all property should be in common. The anarchists have been obliged to start these schools to counteract the influence of Christian Sunday schools on their children."

A HINT.—"People should consider that when the parish priest calls at the house of a sick person, it is for the purpose of seeing that sick person, and not merely to express his sympathy with the servant at the door. If one is sick enough to have a doctor, he is usually sick enough to have the prayers of his pastor.

Physicians, and people generally, are much mistaken when they refuse the clergyman admittance to the sick chamber. Sometimes, no doubt, it would be unwise for the invalid to see any one; but it must be a very critical and painful hour, which may not be soothed by a few prayers and a few words of cheering piety."—*St. Luke's Leaflet*.

THE following capital resolutions were adopted by the Conference of Commercial Travelers, held in connection with the late convention of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood in New York:

Resolved, That we go to Church at least once on Sunday wherever we are.

That we make ourselves known to the rector or minister in charge.

That we take our Bibles when travelling, and read them morning and evening.

That we wear our badges always, and in a prominent position.

That we attempt to do some kind of Brotherhood work in every place we stop.

That these resolutions be printed in the Cross that they may be generally known by Brotherhood men.

To remove one or two false notions which exists in the minds of some critics of the Brotherhood, we append a country chapter's invitation: "We should like to have a few more of our young men who have grit and mean business, join the chapter. There is no secret work; the initiation is merely a simple religious service with an obligation to keep the rules of prayer and service so long as you remain in the Brotherhood. Members are not expected to invite others to come and be like them—Heaven forbid! but to come with them to that Saviour whom sinners and saints alike need. We do not want men who are satisfied with themselves, but men who believe they have found a good thing and want to share it."

A manuscript copy of the Gospels, for which the price of £5,000 has been refused, is about to come under the hammer in London. It is the splendid "Evangelium," written in letters of gold on purple vellum, which was produced by an Anglo-Saxon scribe for Archbishop Wilfrid of York about the year 670. According to one account, this most interesting volume was presented to King Henry VIII. by Pope Leo X. on the occasion of conferring the title of "Defender of the Faith;" and even the German Professor Wattenbach, while disputing the accuracy of this story, agrees that the gift was made to the See of York by Cardinal Wolsey, King Henry's trusted Chancellor, and Archbishop of York for the time being. Six years ago it formed part of the famous collection of manuscripts at Hamilton Palace, and when the present Duke disposed of these treasures, it was purchased along with many other valuable papers, for the Prussian Government, and deposited in the Berlin Museum. It was the Prussian Government which refused to part with the York Gospels even for £5,000 to an English book-seller who was anxious to possess himself of the prize. The value of the book is of course greatly enhanced by the circumstance that there are only three or four manuscripts of the same kind now in existence.—*York Herald*.