

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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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

BISHOP TUCKER has already received more than sixty offers of service for Eastern Equatorial Africa.

THE Bishop of Chester has been laid up with a severe attack of influenza, and has been compelled to cancel all engagements.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Benson), who was born near Birmingham, completed his sixty-second year on Tuesday, July 14.

THE Bishop of Worcester's appeal for funds to provide for additional clergy in the city of Birmingham has met with a fairly satisfactory response already.

THE consent of the majority of the Standing Committees to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Nicholson, Bishop-elect of Milwaukee, has been received, and the documents have been forwarded to the presiding Bishop.

THE Bishop of Liverpool has greatly improved in his general health during his sojourn at Lowestoft. His friends are now very hopeful that the three months' anticipated rest will completely restore him to health and strength.

PLANS ARE NOW complete for placing on the Victoria Nyanza a steamer which shall be at the disposal, whenever necessary, of the Church Missionary Society missionaries working in Uganda. The entire cost will be £20,000, and, in order to avoid serious mishaps, the boat will practically be sent out in duplicate.

The list of select preachers at Cambridge for the next University year is an exceptionally strong one, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Winchester, Lincoln, Derry, Chester, St. Asaph, Southwell, and Dover; the Dean of Norwich, Archdeacon Wilson, and Canons Ainger, Body, and Browne.

THE Bishop of Carlisle referred in a recent speech to the Baccarat case, which, he said, had done more to debauch the poorer people, and make them believe religion was a farce, than could probably be counteracted by all the efforts that had been made by a thousand clergymen in their parishes.

THE nomination of Archdeacon Reeve to be Bishop of Mackenzie River in succession to Bishop Bompas, who has undertaken the new diocese of Selkirk, has been approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The new Bishop was educated at the Church Missionary College, Islington, and was ordained by the Bishop of Rupert's Land in 1868.

THE Bishop of Manchester has received official returns from his Rural Deans of the number of confirmees presented from the beginning of the present year's confirmation tour, from February 15 to June 1. The total number confirmed in the diocese during that period was 12,594. Of these 4,844 were males and 7,750 females. This is equal to the entire year of 1884, when the total number was 12,508, of

whom 4,826 were males and 7,682 females. About 800 candidates were recently confirmed at three churches in the rural deanery of Bolton in addition to the total previously given.

THE death is announced of the Rev. Thomas Walter Perry, honorary Canon of St. Alban's, and Vicar, since 1872, of Ardleigh, Essex, Eng. Mr. Perry had many years ago come to be recognized as the most learned English canonist of the time, and was frequently consulted by the late Dr. Deane and other eminent ecclesiastical lawyers on obscure points of Church law.

DURING a heavy thunderstorm lately at Gloucester, Eng., the lightning struck the vane of St. Nicholas Church, one of the oldest in the city, and set fire to the roof. Three firemen, named Kitchen, Pike, and Baldaro, performed a galant feat by climbing up a rod in the interior of the spire, and, undaunted by the molten lead which was falling, they hauled up the fire-extinctors by means of a rope, and thus put out the flames.

THE Archbishop of Dublin, in the private chapel in the Palace, in the presence of several clergymen of the diocese and other friends, recently admitted Mr. Andrew Cassells, of the Reformed Portuguese Church, to the office of a deacon. The form used at the ordination was partly Anglican and partly from the Reformed Spanish Prayer Book. The Rev. Canon Leet, D.D., presented the candidate and acted as his grace's chaplain.

'EXPERIENCE,' says Bishop Westcott, 'has proved that the law of progress is self-sacrifice. If self be taken as the motive and the end, the individual parishes; and, on the other hand, 'he who loses his life gains it.' The tenderness which constrains the gentleman to serve all perfects his own character. The Christian gentleman is fashioned from within, and not from without, by the influence of a living exemplar, and not by definite rules; by a great enthusiasm, and not by the anxious observance of all embracing routine.'

'WHEN my new course came back to me after ordination,' says Kingsley, 'and asked me whether he should read Essays and reviews,' I told him, 'By no means. They will disturb your mind with questions which you are too young to solve. Stick to the old truths and the old paths, and learn their divineness by sick beds, and in everyday work, and do not darken your mind with intellectual puzzles, which may breed disbelief, but can never breed vital religion or practical usefulness.'

THE Bishop of London lately reopened the Church of All Hallows-on-the-Wall, of which the Rev. S. S. Stone is rector. The Church has been greatly improved and carefully restored. The date of the first Church on this site is not known. Probably it is very ancient, as the foundation is that of the oldest structure in London—the Roman wall. The patronage was originally in the Priory of Holy Trinity, Aldgate; but, upon the dissolution of that house, it came to the Crown. There is a complete list of rectors from the year 1335, and a

register of churchwarden's accounts of the reigns of Henry VI and Edward IV.

EVEN *The Churchman* has its word of condemnation of Dr. Rainsford's assault on the Church:

Does Dr. Rainsford see nothing reprehensible in morals, and nothing offensive to good taste, in applying the exultant language of the prize-ring to describe a great and undeserved misfortune of the Church? If every word he says were as true as nine-tenths of them are *sheer* perversions of the truth, the publication of them in such language, and in such a spirit, would be little to the credit of a clergyman whom the American Church has received and treated with boundless hospitality.

THE programme of the Church Congress at Rhyd, instead of giving the usual perplexing variety of subjects, contains only ten topics for debate, namely, 'The Church Revival in Wales,' 'The Church in relation to Nonconformists,' 'The Church's Work in relation to the poorest quarters of our cities, and how she may extend it in connection with State Agencies and Voluntary Organizations,' 'Criticisms of Holy Scripture, and what the Church gains thereby,' 'Foreign Missions,' 'Church Education,' 'Church Music,' 'The Agnostic, Theistic, and Christian Position,' 'Aids to the Life of Godliness,' and 'The Parochial System.' Interest will largely centre in the Bishop of Asaph's inaugural address, which will deal with the condition of the Welsh Church. The leading speakers include the Bishops of Bangor, Chester; Wakefield, Calcutta, and Bedford; Bishop Blyth, Sir R. Cunliffe, Sir G. Stokes; the Deans of St. Asaph and Manchester, Archdeacon Howell, Preb. Harry Jones; Principals Chavasse, Rendall, Reichel, and Kyle, Mr. R. H. Hutton, and Mr. Eugene Stock. The Archbishops of Canterbury, York, and Dublin will be present, and the Metropolitan of India.

THE CHURCH AND FREEMASONRY.

My father was a Freemason, being initiated in his earlier manhood in Pittsburg. He never rose higher than the third degree; and then—being a married man—he disliked the necessity of keeping everything concerning the order secret from his wife, and practically dropped all actual connection with the craft. He always spoke of it, however, in the kindest manner; and when he had left the law and become rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, and a new Church was to be built, he had the Freemasons lay the corner stone with their usual rites, he himself delivering the address on the occasion. He began a long poem, entitled, 'Freemasonry,' in several cantos, which for very many years remained unfinished. And, strange to say, he took it up and finished it long after he was sixty years of age. As for myself, I inherited his kindly affection for the order, though I was never initiated myself. What I have to say on the subject, therefore, is from the outside, and not in any way biased by actual membership.