

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.

TO BE REGRETTED.—We are in a position to announce, says the *English Churchman*, (Evangelical) that it is intended to form a branch of the Church Association for the Canadian diocese of Niagara.

CHURCH GROWTH.—The Los Angeles parishes and mission report a total of 686 communicants this year, against 377 last year. The Church appears from these figures to have more than kept abreast of the City's growth, great as that has been.

EPISCOPAL VISITOR.—The Bishop of Nassau, W. I., is to visit New York the latter half of Oct. He has the reputation of being a remarkable preacher and a man of singular attractiveness and sympathy. He will preach at St. Clement's, Philadelphia, Nov. 3.

WELCOME TESTIMONY.—Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri, writing from England to the *St. Louis Church News*, remarks:—

"In the Churches the quietness and reverence are most marked. People do not converse at all before and after service, but come in and go out silently and reverently."

NOTE IT.—DR. BEVAN, Congregational pastor, is "advancing" in his Church views. We read of his having our beautiful Church Litany sung with full accompaniment at his Sunday-school Anniversary service! He left the service intact, and did not even change or add to the petition for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.—*Ballarat Churchman*.

ORIENTALS.—In the city of Chicago there is a considerable number of Greek Catholics who belong to the Oriental Church. They have now determined to build a Church and maintain divine service in connection with their branch of the Catholic or historic Church. This when erected will be the third Greek church in the United States.

UNKNOWN.—We learn, says the *Family Churchman*, Eng., that the missionaries and residents in Syria have made a public statement to the effect that they have never seen or heard of an "unfermented wine," nor have they found among Jews, Christians, or Mohammedans, any tradition that such a wine has ever existed in that country.

CHINA OPENING.—The Rev. George Owen, of Peking, says that ancient race pride, strong national prejudice and political suspicion are giving way in the Empire of China. There are now thirty-two thousand Chinese confessing Christ. Chinese women, who can seldom come to mission Churches and chapels, are being powerfully influenced in their homes by American and English women. Entire families are now coming over and in Peking three generations of Christians worship side by side.

ELDERLY.—The Most Rev. Robert Bent Knox, D.D., the 108th Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of the Church of Ireland, to which position he was elected on the death of Arch-

bishop Gervase Beresford in 1886, after having been Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, since 1849, was born at Dungannon Park, in the County of Tyrone in September 25, 1808; and His Grace who is a scion of the noble house of Banbury, accordingly completed his 80th year on the 25th ult.

RUSSIAN ANNIVERSARY.—July 15, (O.S.), 1888, will be a day forever memorable in Russia, on account of the celebration at Kieff of the 900th anniversary of the conversion of the nation to Christianity. On that day, 900 years ago, the subjects of St. Vladimir were baptized in the waters of the Dnieper, and thus the foundations were laid of that great Church which now extends its jurisdiction from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea, and from the shores of the Baltic to the eastern-most point of Asia and which contains some 70,000,000 of souls.

PRESENTATION.—The Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Moorhouse), was on Tuesday the 25th ult, in Manchester Cathedral, presented with a pastoral staff, which had been subscribed for by some of the clergy and laity of the Diocese. It is formed of a shaft of ivory, relieved by mounts of silver, and decorated with precious stones. Canon Maclure, in making the presentation, said the staff was presented for the use of the Bishop and his successors in the See of Manchester, the subscribers having for some time felt that the Bishop ought to possess some distinct symbol of his high office. Dr. Moorhouse in acknowledging the presentation, said he hoped the staff would deepen the sense of pastoral relationship between himself and the people of the diocese.

CHICHESTER.—The Rev. Francis Pigou, D.D., Vicar of Halifax, and Chaplain in ordinary to the Queen, has been nominated by the Crown to the Deanery of Chichester, void by the death of Dean Burgon. During the time Dr. Pigou was in London, and since he has been in Yorkshire, he has done much excellent service in the work of parochial missions, and in conducting "Retreats" or "Quiet Days" among the clergy in all parts of the kingdom. In his own parish he has always been assisted by a thoroughly efficient staff of curates. On his presentation to Halifax Dr. Pigou found the old Church in a very dilapidated condition. He immediately commenced a scheme of restoration, and, seconded by Sir Henry Edwards, he raised some £20,000, with which sum the church was admirably restored, and is now regarded as one of the finest parish churches in the kingdom. As a preacher—especially in connection with mission work—Dr. Pigou is intensely earnest and impressive.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.—In its one hundred and twenty-seven years of existence St. Peter's, Philadelphia, has had but eight rectors, the Rev. Robert Jenny, LL.D., Rev. Richard Peters, D.D., Rev. Jacob Ducho, D.D., whose brilliant contributions to the literature of his time made him the Junius of America. His *nom de plume*, "Tamoc Caspina," was formed from the initials of his then title, "The Assistant Minister of Christ Church and St. Peter's

in North America." He succeeded to the rectorship in 1775, resigning two years later. He was followed by the Rt. Rev. Wm. White, afterwards Bishop, and he by the Rev. W. H. Delancey, who also resigned the rectorship to become Bishop. His successor, the Rt. Rev. William H. Odenheimer, completed the trio of distinguished Bishop-divines who have held the rectorship of St. Peter's. Bishop Odenheimer's successor was the Rev. Dr. George Leeds, who, resigning to take a charge in Baltimore, was followed by the present rector, the Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Davies.

OBEY.—Bishop Harris, of Michigan, whose untimely death is so regretted, was a man of the utmost gentleness, yet very positive in matters he considered important. While Rector of the large, wealthy and fashionable parish of St. James', Chicago, he was disturbed by the way the people had of starting out almost immediately after the Benediction was pronounced, after the Holy Communion, exchanging greeting, &c., instead of waiting reverently for the priest to consume what remained of the consecrated elements. He had carefully explained the rubric, and the reason for it, and the principle of reverent decency involved, and had kindly requested a change in the objectionable custom. On the next Sunday the congregation started as usual, all heedless of the Rector's request. "Then as at the head of a regiment," says one who relates the incident, "with a ringing voice the Rector said 'stop,' and to give it the more emphasis, he brought his foot down upon the floor of the Church. To hear was to obey, and the congregation of St. James' never forget the lesson in reverence and good manners thus taught them by their Rector. To him their wealth and social prestige was as nothing. Reverence was the law of God's house and that law must be enforced against high and low, rich and poor."

ST. ANDREW'S BROTHERHOOD.—Arrangements are progressing for the coming convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to be held in New York City, from Thursday, Oct. 18, to Sunday, Oct. 21. The convention will be opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. George's and an address by Bishop Potter. Business sessions will be held each morning. On Friday and Saturday afternoons there will be informal conferences on special departments of work. Thursday night there will be a meeting in St. Chrysostom's chapel, with addresses on "The work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew." Friday night there will be a meeting in Brooklyn, with addresses on "The Layman's Duty in the Church." The Saturday night meeting will be held in Holy Sepulchre, New York, and the subject will be "Brothers at Work," the speakers being representatives of the Church Temperance Society, the White Cross Army, the Guild of the Iron Cross, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Sunday morning the anniversary service will be held in St. George's, with a sermon by one of the Bishops; and Sunday night the closing service of the convention will be held in St. Thomas', with addresses by prominent clergy and laymen. Among the speakers who have already promised to come are, Rev. Dr. Rains-