

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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REV. JAMES BAIRD, D. D., a distinguished Presbyterian Minister, was recently ordained Deacon by Bishop Potter of New York.

THE Metropolitan has formally notified the Secretary of the Lower House that it is his intention to summon the Provincial Synod to meet in Montreal on Wednesday, 8th September next.

THE terms of the Nicaragua Canal concession to an American company are published. They give an exclusive privilege, the concession being for ninety-nine years from the opening of the canal.

ON Sunday there was a severe shock of earthquake at Brieg, in the Rhone valley. Many buildings were injured, but no lives lost. The movement was felt at Zermet and Belap, and slightly at Geneva.

REV. JAMES A. McGLONE, late a Priest of the Roman Catholic Communion, was received into the American Branch of the Church on the 5th Sunday after Trinity, by the Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

THE *Record* states that the Rev. E. H. Bickersteth, vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead, has given the Church Missionary Society £1,000 to begin a Mission among the Bheels, a hill tribe in Central India.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *Guardian* under date "Christchurch, May 4th, 1880."—"The General Synod of New Zealand, has just concluded its triennial sitting. It has been attended by seven Bishops—the Primate, Bishops of Nelson, Auckland, Dunedin, Wellington, Waipatu, and Melanesia—twenty clergy, and twenty-three out of twenty-eight lay representatives.

THE census just completed shows that the U. S. has thirteen cities which contain more than 150,000 inhabitants. The four chief cities are New York, 1,209,561; Philadelphia, 847,452; Brooklyn, 554,693; and Chicago, 477,500. Then follow St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, and Cincinnati. All the thirteen cities show an increase in population actually, though in some cases there has been a relative decrease.

AT Paris, during the alterations now being made at the General Post-office, there was found a letter which had been posted exactly fifty years ago, and which by some mischance had got stuck in a panel instead of finding its way into the box. The letter was duly forwarded to the person to whom it was addressed, who proved to be alive. The writer, however, had been dead many years.

AT the annual meeting of the Hibernian Bible Society held in Cork, the Rev. H. Seddall said that a short time ago he was travelling towards London, and Mr. William Bradlaugh, brother to Charles Bradlaugh, handed him a tract in defence of the Bible. He said that he was once an Infidel, like his brother, but he was converted some years ago, and was since trying to do everything in his power to counteract the evil which his brother was causing.

A MINISTERIAL bill against drunkenness about to be considered by the Dut. States-General proposes to limit public-houses to one per 500 inhabitants in towns of 50,000 souls, one per 400 in towns of 20,000, one per 300 in towns of 10,000, and one per 250 in all smaller places. It proposes to forbid the supply of intoxicants to children under sixteen, to impose from one to eight days' imprisonment for supplying intoxicants to persons already drunk, and to award a day's imprisonment, with a fine of ten florins, for being drunk in the streets.

THE Offertory at St. Alban's Church, Birmingham, England, on June 20th, was over \$20,000.

Joseph Daws, now an inmate of the county poorhouse at Milwaukee, Wis., and decrepit and paralyzed, before the war was worth \$6,000,000.

GENERAL GARFIELD, Republican nominee for President of the United States, is a Campbellite Baptist, General Hancock, Democratic candidate, is a Churchman.

NEVER believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's word. Ask yourself. Can what I feel be true, if God's word is true? and if both can not be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar.

THE Church Sunday Schools of Toronto had a monster demonstration on July 5th, in Queen's Park. Nine thousand people were said to be present. Every Sunday School had one or more banners. Fifteen years ago, the children mustered in hundreds only, and the teachers by scores, this time by thousands. There was only one banner that provoked offence. Our people are getting more sociable as the years pass on.

THE Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was founded by a colony of Friends, popularly called Quakers; but it is a remarkable fact that that sect of Christians is now one of the smallest in Pennsylvania, and in the United States. It is stated that the aggregate is but 100,000. Pennsylvania has 25,000; and the State of Indiana has 20,000. Ohio, through which State, they reach Indiana, has but 14,000. Only eight States have any considerable number of them.

THE convention of Connecticut has adopted a resolution on the subject of "candidating." The preamble states that the custom of clergymen preaching in vacant parishes to the degradation, in public esteem, of their holy office, is becoming common. The convention, therefore, urged parishes needing a rector to adopt some other method of becoming acquainted with a clergyman, and strongly disapproved of any clergyman accepting an invitation to officiate in any church as a candidate for the rectorship.

SOME few years ago, in the drawing-room of a house in London, an animated discussion took place on the question, "Was Moses married or not?" The hostess (a Romanist and an authoress), said, "Protestant clergymen always know their Bibles so well; I will go and ask Mr. —." The clergyman replied, "Yes, he was married and so was Aaron." The lady gave a shriek of horror, which startled everybody, exclaiming, "Aaron married? How can you say so? Why, he was a priest." If Romanists would read their Bibles more than they do such surprises would be much more common.

THE Greek Church Patriarch of Constantinople is a tall, broad-shouldered, powerfully-built man of about 45 years of age, with regular, handsome features, large soft eyes and a flowing black beard, slightly tinged with gray. He dresses in the plain black costume of an ordinary monk, and his manner is amiable and dignified without any tinge of affectation. He has been known recently to converse fluently in Greek, Turkish, French, German and Roumanian, and his gift of tongues is probably not confined to these languages. Unlike the Pope of Rome he neither professes to be Christ's Vicar on earth nor considers himself the infallible exponent of Christian doctrine. His episcopate is the Ottoman Empire. There are three other patriarchs—one at Antioch, another at Jerusalem and a third at Alexandria.

Dean Cowie has been chosen Prolocutor of the Convocation of York by 31 votes to 21 given for Dean Howson.

REV. A. St. John Chambré, D. D., president of the standing committee of the Universalist denomination in Massachusetts, and professor of ecclesiastical history in Tufts college, has severed his connection with the Universalists and applied for orders in the Church.

A COUNCIL GENERAL representing the entire Greek Church is to meet at Moscow, August 27th, for the purpose of re-establishing the ancient customs and Rites of the Church, of drawing closer the bonds of unity between the various Churches, of recalling to the bosom of the Orthodox Church the Christian dissenters of the East and West, and of promoting the propagation by Missions of the Faith of the Church.

ON Friday, July 3, at Wind-or, his Excellency Chow Phya Bhanuwongse Maha Kosa Tibodi ti Phraklang, the Siamese Ambassador, with his suite, was introduced to her Majesty; and presented a letter from the King of Siam, with a short complimentary address. Her Majesty having returned a gracious answer, his Excellency presented her Majesty with the Insignia of the Order of the White Elephant, which was borne by the Secretary of the Embassy on a cushion. The Queen then invested his Excellency with the insignia of K.C.M.G., and conferred the honor of knighthood upon him. Her Majesty also conferred the honor of the Companionship of the Order upon Prince Prisdang, the Secretary of the Embassy.

"ONE of the most interesting archaeological finds ever brought to light in the north of Europe is," says the *Timber Trades Journal*, "now in process of being exhumed at Sandefjord—namely, a complete Viking ship, such as were used by the fierce Northmen in their raids 1,000 years ago on the coasts of Britain and North France. The portion of the ship which is already brought to light shows that it must have been at least 75ft. long, and placed in the sepulchre of some mighty Viking completely provided with the necessary sails and in full rig. An interesting thing (it is added) is the finding of a number of shields, and the position of these shields is in perfect agreement with the position assigned to such on the remarkable piece of tapestry which was found at Baillieux, in Normandy, representing William the Conqueror's passage across the Channel to England, and which it is supposed was worked about the close of the eleventh century. The removal of the entire ship has been found inadvisable: it will be roofed over where it is."

Foreign Missions.

SIXTH REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ESTABLISHED BY THE DIOCESAN SYNOD, A. D. 1874.

(Concluded.)

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL

This Society aims at being the Missionary Agent of the Church of England, and is thus credited:—It was incorporated by the Royal Charter A. D., 1701 on the petition of the then Archbishop of Canterbury since which time the successive Archbishops of Canterbury have occupied its President's chair. All the bishops of the Church of England, and of Ireland and of the Scottish Episcopal Church as well as the Colonial and Missionary Bishops in communion with the English Church, are Vice-Presidents. It loyally recognises the authority of the

Bishops abroad. The Missionaries whom it maintains, are directly responsible to the Bishops whose licenses they hold.

In its operations it identifies itself with the duties which lie upon us as a nation, and makes our Colonies and Dependencies its principal fields of labour, although as opportunity presents itself it strives to extend the blessings of the Gospel amongst the heathen who live beyond the boundaries of our dominion. From North America (1701) its operations have gradually been extended to the West Indies (1710), to Australia (1793), India (1818), South Africa (1820), New Zealand (1839), Ceylon (1840), Borneo (1849), British Columbia (1858), Madagascar (1864), Independent Burmah (1868), Japan (1873), China (1874), and Fiji (1879).

When the Society was first founded, there were probably not twenty clergymen of the Church of England in Foreign parts. The spiritual condition of our countrymen in America and elsewhere was fearful. And no effort was then made by the Church to win the heathen to Christ. But now the position which the Church holds in our Colonies and Dependencies, and in many parts of Heathendom, is recognized by all. In the history of Christendom it is doubtful if there can be found within the same space of time such a wide expansion of Christ's Kingdom. In those regions where the Society labours, and has laboured, and which, before it commenced its work, were spiritually the "waste places" of the earth, there are, including the American Church, (the first-fruits of the Society's soul-sowing) 135 Bishops, more than 5,000 clergy, and upwards of 2,000,000 members of the Communion.

In the work which the Society has been privileged, as the handmaid of the Church, to sustain and to promote during the past year, 693 Missionaries have been engaged as heralds of the mystery of the Incarnation, and of the glad tidings of man's redemption, each of them in varied measure and under widely differing conditions, and always subject to the blessing of that Divine Spirit, without Whom man can do nothing, preparing the way for Him Who is the second Adam. Of these, 162 have laboured in Asia; 124 in Africa; 65 in Australia and the Pacific; 250 in America and the West Indies, and 2 in Europe. There are also about 1,395 Catechists and Lay Teachers, mostly natives, in heathen countries, and about 259 students in Colleges abroad, who are training for the work of the Ministry in the lands which have given them birth.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Board has given a large space in this report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, because it is one which, for so long a time, ministered to the necessities of our Church in this continent, and still continues to aid our own and other Canadian Dioceses, while it has only in later years, through the extension of the British Empire over heathen lands, been called upon according to its charter, to propagate the Gospel among the native inhabitants of those countries. But the Church Missionary Society, which arose in the beginning of this century, devoted itself exclusively to the heathen, having from the first laboured in Africa, which is still from West to East, one of its chief fields of labour. Then its operations were extended to India, China, New Zealand, and North-West America, to which may be added Palestine, Mauritius, Persia and Japan. Almost all of the work in five of the North American Dioceses, namely, Rupert's Land, Moosehide, Saskatchewan, Athabasca and Caledonia, extending over a territory of 8,000 square miles, is carried on by this Society, and God has given it His blessing, not only opening doors of usefulness there and elsewhere, but raising up faithful men as Missionaries, and supplying the means to main-

tain them. The general income of the Society during the past year having reached upwards of £1,100,000, enables it to enter upon another year's operations with unburdened finances.

THE LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

The Board would also add to the above some reference to the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, which carries on and maintains Evangelistic work among the people who are still so dear to the heart of God. They would express the belief that the Christian Church has been wiser, richer and stronger, since it entered on this work among the Jews, and that its labors have not been in vain in the past. Very satisfactory evidence is appended in the Society's annual reports. In connection with the last two mentioned Societies an Association in St. John has been for several years in existence, and every year contributions have been received by it, which have been divided between the Societies, and forwarded direct to them amounting in all to upwards of \$6,500.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR LATE MERCIES.

In conclusion some details of past mercies may serve as grounds for devout thanksgiving. "We should indeed be ungrateful if we did not thank God for blessed results abroad, and for increased zeal for Missions in the hearts of Churchmen at home, already vouchsafed in answer to the prayers of the faithful. We record with thankfulness that in this very year three Bishops have met in Southern India and observed, with us, the same Service, the centenary of the introduction of Christianity into that region. Ninety clergymen of Indian birth, whose work lies among the Christian congregations of their own race, joined those Bishops in a solemn celebration of the Holy Communion on Jan. 20th. If India can present no parallel in other parts of this vast field, in Ad Ahmednagar, at any rate, the day seems not far distant when Western India will afford a counterpart of the history of Missions in the South.

In New Zealand we can point with gratitude to a Church which received its first Bishop less than forty years ago, and has now its six Dioceses and its Missionary Bishop of Melanesia, fragment with the memories of Bishops Selwyn and Patterson. China, the very stronghold of heathenism, seems no longer impregnable, and the Providence of God by dispersing this people over the face of the globe, is bringing thousands of those under the yoke of the Gospel. In Japan numbers have been baptized, and not a few are being prepared for the ministry of the Church.

In New Westminster, Caledonia, and Travancore, new bishoprics have been founded in the past year.

In England we recognize an increased devotion to missionary work; \$50,000 have been contributed by a single Churchman towards the proposed new Bishopric in North China. We rejoice to see in the bands of earnest workers who are being sent forth from our ancient seats of learning, an answer to the oft repeated prayer that the first-fruits of England's intellect might be sent forth for the work of the Church abroad. New recruits have been added to the Cambridge Mission at Delhi, while a Mission from Oxford is about to be sent to Calcutta.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give the praise, for Thy loving mercy and for Thy truth's sake. The Treasurer's accounts for the year are submitted herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
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St. John, June 2nd, 1880.