

# 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 Llandaff conducted his Christmas ordination in the Welsh language.

A special council of the Diocese of Virginia has been called for 31 Jan. inst., to elect an Assistant Bishop.

THE Rev. Wm. Westover has removed to Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and is in charge of St. John's Church there. There is a good church and fine rectory.

THE Presiding Bishop of the Church in the U. S. has appointed February 2nd the festival of the Purification for the consecration of the Bishop-elect of Vermont, at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Vt.

At the last visitation of the Bishop of California to Los Angeles, thirty-three persons were confirmed in St. John's Church (of which Rev. B. W. R. Taylor, is Rector); twelve of whom were accessions from the denominations.

THE report of the Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church of the U. S. shows that during the past year, it has received for its work \$239,498; an increase of \$80,568 over that in 1883; most gratifying, considering the "hard times."

THERE are no less than five Bishoprics vacant at the present time in the Provinces of Australia and New Zealand, two being in the former, viz., Grafton and Armidale, and Perth, and three in the latter, viz., Wellington, Waiapu, and Melanesia.

THE Minnesota *Church Register* remarks that "according to the reports in the Church Almanac for this year, the Diocese of New York has the largest number of communicants, and Arkansas the smallest. Minnesota stands fourteenth, with 12,204 (reported). But in rate of growth, from June, 1892, to June 1893, it stands first, the increase being 11 per cent.

THE contributions on "Hospital Sunday" for the hospitals in London amounted to £35,604; not quite so large as in 1892; but the proportion of the Church of England collections is nearly four-fifths; £28,003 contributed by it. Roman Catholics gave £536, Unitarians £304, Jews £1,009, Congregationalists £1,068, Presbyterians £1,132, Wesleyans £995, Baptists £895, etc., etc.

THE Rev. R. Clark, who has sent home the intelligence of Miss Tucker's death, writes: "The story of how she lived and laboured and died among the people to whom she was sent at the age of fifty-four, and with whom she remained, without ever once returning to England, till the age of seventy-two, will be one of the most interesting and stirring records in the annals of Missions. Her visits to zenanas in

both town and village in her little dhoolie, her frequent journeys in native ekkas, her wonderful influence among the boys at the Baring High School at Batala, and her attachment to them, and theirs to her, can never be forgotten."—*The News, London.*

THE Brotherhood of St. Andrew shows a steady and healthy growth from the beginning. In 1888 there were 206 chapters, and in 1893, 911 with 10,000 members. This organization has given a fresh and wide spread impulse to Christian consecration and Church work among the laity, and among other signal blessings is developing some of the best material for the sacred ministry.

THE Very Reverend the Dean of Ely (Dr. Merivale) died last month in his eighty-sixth year. He was appointed to the Deanery in 1869 by the present Prime Minister, and was chiefly famous for his historical writings, his great work having been "The History of the Romans," in seven volumes. He was an old-fashioned High Churchman, but took no part in the religious controversies of the day.

THE Rev. A. Hastings Kelk, jun., writes to the *Guardian*, in the name of Bishop Blyth, asking for workers amongst the Druses in the Lebanon. Mr. Kelk says: "Small efforts have been made amongst them by Presbyterians and others; but the character of the Druses is such that they would accept nothing less than a definite creed, with a sound ecclesiastical organisation, and a spiritual religion sacramentally presented."

THE training of laymen for what is called "Church work" seems to be receiving growing attention, in England. The Annual Conference, and Retreat of the "Evangelist Brotherhood" was held at St. Andrew's, Wolverhampton at the end of last month where Canon Bodington was formerly Vicar, the Bishop of the diocese presiding at the Conference. There is a college for lay workers at the East End, supported by the S. P. C. K. and the "Church Army" also trains men of a different class.

A. L. O. E.—We notice with much regret the death of "A. L. O. E.," the author of very numerous books, which are invaluable especially for the young. The letters stood for "A Lady of England," and it was not very generally known that the author's real name was Tucker. About twenty years ago Miss Tucker gave up her literary labours and went to India to give herself to missionary work. She was over fifty years of age at the time, and grave doubts were naturally entertained by her friends as to her ability to bear the climate. Her health did not suffer, however, and she had reached the age of 72 when her useful career was closed. The principal scene of her labours was a town in the Punjab, about 40 miles from Amritsar.

The better a man knows himself the more he knows he needs God.

## THE GOOD DONE BY DISSENT.

On the last chapter of the Rev. Joseph Hammond's book on English Nonconformity and Christ's Christianity it is only necessary to remark that it takes into view the specious talk about the good done by Dissenters, Mr. Hammond very rightly asserting that the good comes from their Christian belief, not from their Dissent. Moreover it has to be assumed by those who dwell upon the good deeds of Dissenters that we know not in this world how much good they have frustrated by their separation. Constantly we hear of good work being neglected because religious men cannot agree to work together; but no one seems to blame the dissident spirit which keeps them apart. Granted that many have been turned from darkness to light by Dissenting teachers, what of the thousands who stand aloof from all religion because of our differences and divisions? What number of individual gains can make up for the loss of masses; for the mistrust, variance, envy, jealousy, and deceit which seem to be inseparable from the schismatical spirit.—*Church Times.*

## MISSIONARY BISHOPS AS "DEPUTATIONS."

(From the *Church Standard, Philadelphia.*)

One of the most extraordinary things ever done by the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church was the adoption some years ago of a deliberate plan to turn over the work of begging for missions to the missionary bishops. People may or may not believe that bishops are apostles, but, in theory at least, their office is apostolic, and there is a recorded resolution of the whole college of the original apostles that "it is not reason that we should leave the Word of God to serve tables." If the college of the original twelve had been asked to leave the Word of God in order to beg provision for the tables, we submit that they would probably have replied that they had no more right to leave the Word of God in order to beg than in order to serve. In those days the missionary work of the Church was done quite as well as now, and the apostles were able to do it, because the Christians of those days required no "deputations" to persuade or coax them to bring their money and lay it down at the apostles' feet. If that spirit has passed away in these times, may it not be in part because the Church has come to put her trust in machinery rather than in the power of the Spirit of God? And has there not been some mistake about the machinery? Armed with the sword of the Spirit for its proper work, the episcopate is a consecrated spiritual power. As a financial agency, are there any facts to show that it is a success?

We think not. The report that comes from the Board of Missions tells us that the mission-