

# 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

ARCHBISHOP RYAN, at Philadelphia, claimed that priests and their acts were subjects for public criticism. In Mexico such critics are excommunicated.

In less than four years the King's Daughters (U.S.) have sent out from the central supply 119,819 badges of membership. This year 67,894 new members were added.

THERE are in the General Theological Seminary, N.Y., eighty-nine students, of whom twenty-four are special and five are post-graduate. The whole number of the alumni is 1,128, of whom 337 are deceased. There have been consecrated bishops, thirty-three. The whole number of students has been 1,644. Every year the seminary is showing itself more and more worthy of the confidence of the Church.

An interesting question might be discussed in connection with the establishment of the Roman Catholic Religion in Malta. The Queen attends the worship of the Church of England when she is in England; when she goes north of the Tweed she conforms to the established Presbyterian religion. Were she to have occasion to travel to Malta, would she be found on her knees before the altar at High Mass in the cathedral at Valetta?

MR. E. J. PHELPS, speaking of the brutality of many newspapers and reporters, says of the latter, "with him, sorrow commands no charity, misfortune no consideration, age no reverence, woman no deference, death no solemnity, the grave no refuge. Nothing is so pathetic or so pitiful as to appeal to him for forbearance. Humanity has no rights that he is bound to respect. The only question is, will the story sell if sufficiently distorted, exaggerated, and dressed up?"

THE Bishop of Derby, presiding over a meeting in Derby, urged every man and woman to have a deep concern for those who were night and day on the waves. He mentioned commander Dawson, R.N., as 'a household word' in all that related to God's work upon the sea; and emphatically urged them to support the Missions to Seamen Society as a thoroughly Church of England society, vast in the area of its operations and excellent in its work both in the past and present.

THE Rev. Arthur Robins, of Windsor, who is proposing to form a Council or League of the Church for improving the condition of the homes of the poor, has received the following from Lord Randolph Churchill:—"It would, in my opinion, be a most excellent thing if the Church of England were officially identified with an active movement in favor of better dwellings for the laboring classes. Till large reforms have been effected in this direction, action against intemperance is almost useless."

BISHOP BLYTH, of Jerusalem, has given some interesting facts concerning the Holy Land. He says that the return of Jews is remarkable.

In 1841 there were only 8,000 Jews in Palestine. In 1883 they numbered 23,000, but now 70,000, nearly double the number that returned from the Babylonish Captivity. Further, the fertilizing rains, known as the "latter rains," which had been withheld since the times of the exile, had been granted again during the past two years, and everything seemed to show that land was being prepared for the return of the Jews to their promised land.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has submitted the name of Canon Mason, rector of All Hallows', Barking, for the office of Bishop Suffragan of his Grace's diocese, about to become vacant by the resignation of Dr. Parry. Canon Mason was formerly in the diocese of Truro, at the time that Dr. Benson held the bishopric, and was appointed an honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral in 1884.

MISS CONYMBE, having stated, at a public debate at Lewisham, that the bishops were joining in the landlord's syndicate in Ireland against the tenants, and the Bishop of Peterborough's name having been mentioned by a gentleman on the platform, Dr. Magee thus writes:—"The statement is an absolute falsehood, without any foundation or excuse. I have taken no shares in a landlords' nor in any other syndicate, nor have I subscribed to any such as that referred to."

THE highest honour it is in their power to confer, the Royal Society have just bestowed on the Rev. Dr. Salmon, D.D., Provost of Trinity College, in the gift of the Copley Medal for distinguished writings and discoveries. This medal was instituted in 1709, by Sir John Copley, and is only given to mathematical talent of the highest order. It is remarkable that Dr. Salmon should be thus distinguished in the very highest walks of theology and mathematics alike, his sermons and treatises on the Infallibility of the Church and the Canon of the New Testament placing him in the forefront of living theologians.

NUMBER of conversions of ministers of different denominations in the U.S. to the Church from Advent 1888 to Advent 1889, is 37 as follows:—Methodist, 11; Reformed Episcopal, 3; Baptist, 3; Congregationalist, 5; Adventist, 1; Unitarian, 1; Presbyterian, 3; Reformed, 6; Roman Catholic, 4. Of these two returned to the Church of their first love. Very few this year have gone from us. When they do go it is blazed abroad upon every banner. One of our losses this year was a man of most eminent intellectual attainments but in practical usefulness always a failure to the Church.—*Living Church.*

THE Rector of Trinity Church, New York, has corrected the extraordinary statement which lately appeared in the columns of "the leading Church paper," viz. that the property of Trinity parish is valued at \$150,000,000. The revenue from that sum, at five per cent, would be seven and one half millions; whereas, by careful management the property yields only a little over half a million. To be sure, the difference between the actual and the sup-

posed income is only about six millions, and this, to "the leading Church paper," doubtless appears to be a very small matter.

ON the occasion of the re-opening of St. Jude's Church, Belfast, by the Bishop of Down on Saturday last, Dr. Campbell, Rector of Lurgan and Dean of Dromore, stated that not long ago he was in a provincial town in England, and in passing through its streets he saw a beautifully-built church, which was so cathedral-like that he concluded it was the parish church. He went to it on Sunday. It turned out to be a Congregational chapel, where the Independents were assembled, and it was filled to overflowing. In the place and in the services there was much that was an imitation of those of the Church. The Psalms were chanted and followed by the Gloria, and in the chanting the whole congregation joined. The minister concluded his prayers with the Lord's Prayer, and then was raised up from the whole of that vast congregation an audible response joining with him.

THE facility with which divorces can be obtained in the United States, and the ample provisions of the law on the subject in every State in the American Union is well illustrated in an article contributed to the *Independent* by Samuel W. Dike. From the Report on Marriage and Divorce presented to Congress it appears that during the last twenty years the number of divorces granted was 328,678. Of the 289,547 who were married in the United States, 231,867 or 80 per cent were divorced in the very State in which they were married. This is equivalent to saying that four-fifths of those divorced, who were married in the United States, got their divorces in the State where they were married. These facts seem to indicate that almost every State in the Union has a fairly liberal Divorce Law and that the law is invoked with comparative frequency every year.—*Evangelical Churchman.*

MRS. REBECCA HARDING DAVIS, in *The Independent* says:—

The most flagrant effort made by sectional vanity to trick out heroic pioneers in graces which do not belong to them, is that of our New England cousins when dealing with their Puritan ancestors, and holding them up for the veneration of the country. The pretty myth that—

They left unstained what here they found,  
Freedom to worship God:

is now, however, held at its real value by every school boy. They neither left religious freedom nor did they give it, to anybody but themselves, as witness the Baptists, Episcopalians, and Quakers, whom they whipped at the cart's tail, and the poor savages whom they shot and burned, "the smell of whose sizzling flesh," according to the godly Pilgrim father of Plymouth, "went up as a sweet savor to the nostrils of the Almighty."

A NOTABLE instance of church building energy has just occurred, says the London correspondent of *The Manchester Guardian*. A new church was wanted for Stanley, the