

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.

UPWARDS of £32,000 has been received in England on behalf of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

THE Bishop of Durham has consented to occupy the place of the late Bishop Lightfoot as patron of the Church Army.

St. MATTHEW'S, Bayswater, has at last succumbed to the surplice in pulpit and choir. A few old fashioned West-end churches still hold out, but their outworks are rapidly falling through the sparsity of their garrison.—*Family Churchman*.

Two gentlemen, who refused to give their names, called at the office of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, one day last June. Their rudeness was condoned by their leaving on the counter five hundred pound notes for the work of the Society.

ON the afternoon of July 24th, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales will lay the first stone of the great restoration work proposed at St. Saviour's, Southwark, England. The estimated cost is about £35,000, and nearly £26,000 has been already promised.

THE golden wedding of the Rev. H. and Mrs. Gosse has just been celebrated at Redhill, Surrey, Eng. The rev. gentleman recently resigned the living of St. John's, Redhill, after forty years of active service, and has since built a chancel to the restored church at a cost of £2,500.

Dr. WESTCOTT, Bishop of Durham, England, introduced by the Bishops of Carlisle and Rochester, and Dr. Wordsworth, Bishop of Salisbury, introduced by the Bishops of London and Chichester, subscribed the roll and took their seats in the House of Lords on Thursday evening, 19th June. The Bishops who are still without seats are the Bishops of Ely, Manchester, Wakefield, Chester, St. Asaph, and the Bishops designate of Bangor and St. Albans.

MUCH interest is being aroused by the approaching inquiry of a House of Lord's Committee in regard to the proposals contained in the Bishop of Peterborough's bill for amending the law relating to the insurance of the lives of children. A strong committee has been formed, including the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Derby, Earl Spencer, the Earl of Selborne, the Bishop of Ripon, the Marquis of Lothian, Lord Herschell, Lord Thring, the Earl of Harrowby, and Earl Beauchamp.

A NONCONFORMIST minister, the Rev. O. W. James, at a recent Liberationist meeting in North Wales, gave a list of the Welsh Congregationalist and Baptist ministers who had seceded during the last twenty years. After mentioning the names of about twenty who, he said, 'had found shelter and living in the bosom of the Church,' he concluded by remarking that 'he was tired of naming the blacklegs,' and that he had still a long list. By the way, it is noticeable that a goodly number of secessions

to the Church from the Roman priesthood have occurred within the last few years.—*Family Churchman*.

MARRIAGE OF DIVORCEES.—It is not enough for Churchmen to say, "the Church forbids divorce," and to leave the question there. It is their duty to try and convince their fellow citizens of all denominations that the Church forbids divorce for *sound and salutary reasons*, and that obedience to the Divine ideal of marriage upheld by the Church is the truest safety of the state. As to the hardship that may befall individuals here and there through this course of action it is enough for the statesman to say, '*Salus populi suprema lex*,' and for the Churchman to say that separation *without the right of re-marriage is remedy enough*, because it does not close the door of reparation and reunion to either party, and permits the fulfilment of obedience to the noble ideal of Holy Marriage set forth in Scripture as an indissoluble union, which endures (to use Prayer Book language) 'till death us do part, according to God's Holy Ordinance.—*The Southern Cross*.

THE DECLINE OF ROMANISM.—The London correspondent of the *Belfast News-Letter* asks—'If there are less than 80,000 Roman Catholics in Dr. Manning's Diocese, what has become of all those converts we used to hear so much about a few years ago? Were they like Falstaff's opponents, merely men in buckram? Dr. Manning plainly told us the other day that he has given up the idea of converting England. Of his flock of 80,000 probably 70,000 are immigrants from Ireland and people from the Continent. At the present moment the Roman Catholic Church in England is at a standstill. Southwark Pro-Cathedral at one time used to be crowded by persons attracted by the excellence of its music. The music is now commonplace, and the building only half filled. The Roman Catholic contributions to the Hospital Sunday fund are the lowest on the list, and that position corresponds with the financial position of the Church, which a quarter of a century ago was supposed to be moving in England with giant strides. We hear little or nothing of converts to the Church of England, yet within the last ten years thirty-two Roman Catholic priests have joined the Church of England, and are now ministering in her communion.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The Bishop of Capetown lately held two Confirmation services in the Church at Robben Island. Soon after the arrival of the Bishop one service was held, at which nine candidates were confirmed. The service in the afternoon was in Dutch, when 5 chronic sick, 44 male lepers, and 17 female lepers were confirmed. The Bishop's addresses were most earnest and touching. At the Dutch service the Rev. Mr. Nichol interpreted the address in a very able manner. There were 76 in all. The halt, the lame, the blind, made up the sum total. Some received the sacred rite standing; one poor boy had to be wheeled up to the Bishop in a chair. The ages of the candidates ranged from 11 to 94, the oldest men being respectively 70, 75, 70, and 94. Both services were very impressive. Most of the leper candidates had received the Holy Sacrament of

Baptism at the hands of the chaplain, the Rev. A. Wilshere, of whose noble work among these sorely stricken folk we have often reminded our readers. A number of the lepers were already communicants on account of their fatal disease, and in accordance with the rubric at the end of the Baptismal Service. The Bishop after the service went to the leper wards and confirmed an Englishman who had been a sailor.—*Church Bells*.

THE Bishop of Durham visited Gateshead on Monday, 23rd ult., for the first time since his appointment to the See of Durham, and in reply to addresses of welcome presented by the Corporation and the clergy of the town referred to the good influence which the Church could exert on the social life of the day. The impurity, the intemperance, the gambling, all that reckless competition which was harassing and degrading society, and all the different forms of selfishness, could not be met from *without* by any laws imposed upon an unwilling people. They must be met from *within* by the power, he believed, of our Christian Faith. Turning to the problems of education, he said that during the period of his own work amazing progress had been made in each direction in this great matter. There were perils at present connected even with the improvements of our education which seemed to him to require far more attention than they had up to the present received. There was—and he thought they must all deplore it—a strange lessening of *home* responsibilities through the very improvement of our elementary education. One of the saddest things he had heard with regard to this diocese was that the improvements in infant education had tended—he hoped it might not be true—to the deterioration of the mothers in many of our pit villages. It was a grave question. No improvement in education could possibly compensate for the weakening of the ties at home. There was another danger which seemed to him to be scarcely less serious. There was a growing tendency to recognise what he might call the commercial estimate of knowledge. Surely it was something more than a means of gathering material wealth. Their ideal of knowledge was that it gave to those who received it aspirations, impulses, hopes, capable of ennobling them in every form of life. To get education was not to enable a man to buy something which he acquired to the prejudice of his neighbour, but to become a man—a proved man—and a citizen furnished for every good work.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

On Tuesday, the Feast of St. John the Baptist, Rev. Dr. D. L. Lloyd was consecrated Bishop of Bangor; the Rev. J. W. Festing, Bishop of St. Albans; Rev. Dr. W. S. Smith, Bishop of Sydney; and the Rev. John Lloyd, Bishop-suffragan of Swansea, at St. Paul's Cathedral. Shortly before ten o'clock the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London, Carlisle, St. David's, Llandaff, Lichfield, Madras, Bedford, Colchester, Marlborough, Bishop Camp-