

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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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Rev. Charles Soadding, rector of Grace Church, Middletown, N. Y., has accepted the rectorship of Trinity Church, Toledo, O., and expects to enter on his duties there June 1.

THE contributions of Churchmen towards the funds for domestic and home mission work of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada last year exceeded those of all previous years by \$7,000.

IT is a notable fact that, whereas twenty or five and twenty years ago there were surpliced choirs in seven only of the Liverpool (Eng.) city and suburban churches, now they exist in fifty-three.

THE Rev. William H. Vibbert, D.D., rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, has been elected an assistant-minister of Trinity parish, New York, with the charge of Trinity chapel, Twenty-fifth street.

THE whole cost, £30,000, of the new Church of Scunthorpe, in North Lincolnshire, has been borne by Lord St. Oswald. The church is intended to meet the requirements of the inhabitants who occupy the estates of his Lordship.

AT the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, N. Y., a Chapter of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood was organized lately under the title of the Sons of St. Sebastian. Nine members were received by the rector, the Rev. Thomas McKee Brown, and a number more are to be admitted next week.

AT the Holy Cross mission, N. Y., on Friday, May 1, Bishop Potter administered confirmation to a class of 105, composed principally of Germans. The class presented a striking appearance—the boys being neatly dressed in black and the girls, to the number of sixty, in white, with long veils.

THERE are said to be 125,000 Indians in Canada, who at present are, for the most part, living on reserves which they hold in common. No better way could be devised for the destruction of man's higher capabilities and desire for advancement than the present Indian reserve scheme.—*Algoma News.*

AT St. George's, Schenectady, N. Y., the Bishop of Delaware, acting for the Bishop of Albany, absent on duty in Europe, confirmed twenty-four persons, fully one half of whom were converts from the various denominations; and Mr. Eugene Griggs, recently a Methodist minister, at Ashland, N. Y., was ordained to the diaconate.

THE *Record* (London) says the Mohammedan missionaries have left for England, and will soon be amongst us to conduct their educational campaign. They are perfectly serious, and it would be a mistake to underestimate the success they may at first meet with. The clergy must deal gently with the subject when it comes under their notice.

THE first parliament of Japan has elected as

its first president, Mr. Nakashima. Thirteen Christians in all have been elected members, a result greater than the missionaries expected. Least of all did they anticipate that a Christian would be chosen as the presiding officer. It is indeed a gratifying fact, and a happy omen for the future of Christianity in Japan.

MR. HAKES, the prosecutor of the Rev. J. Bell-Cox in the Liverpool, Eng., Ritual case, has resolved to proceed to the bitter end, and Mr. Girdlestone, the solicitor for Mr. Hakes has deposited in the registry of the Chancery Court of York the necessary papers for an application to enforce the original motion. This is equivalent to a demand for the imprisonment of Mr. Bell-Cox.

THE *Adelaide Review* remarks that in the last year or so four Australian Bishops have been chosen from the ranks of Australian clergy. These are Bishops Dawes, Julius, Stanton, and now the Bishop elect of North Queensland, Canon Barlow. As the Church grows we shall not have to import Bishops at all, but the change will have to be made gradually, and there should be no ingratitude to those English men who have done so much for the Church in these colonies.

THE fourth Provincial Synod of South Africa met last January under the presidency of the Metropolitan, the Bishop of Capetown. Among other questions discussed was whether the Metropolitan should be styled 'Arohishop.' The matter is left in the hands of the Bishops, it having been felt that Australia ought to lead in this matter. The *Qu'Appelle Church Messenger* suggests that Canada should lead, as the Canadian Church contains the oldest Bishopsrics in the Colonies.

THE Rector of All Hallows, in the City of London, Eng., was recently induced to closely search an old chest which had, tradition declared, remained in the vestry for centuries. In the bottom he found a register dating back to the reign of Henry VI. Its contents throw a considerable light on the relations of the City towards the ecclesiastical authorities. Its condition is excellent, and the rector is now closely examining it. It will go ultimately to the British Museum.

IN "Darkest England," page 189, 'General' Booth boasts of the thirteen Homes in Great Britain, accomodating 307 girls, together with seventeen Homes abroad, as constituting, perhaps, the largest and most efficient effort of its character in the world. But the *Church Penitentiary Association* has eighty three Homes connected with it and last year reported over two thousand five hundred fallen girls and women restored to respectable life—and yet we have not heard of its boasting at all.

THE munificent appeal of Dean Argles to spend another sum of £2,000 or £3,000 upon Peterborough (Eng.) Cathedral ought to convey another rebuke to the Liberationists who claim that all church buildings more than a certain number of years old should become national property. They ought to know that

within the last fifty years alone the voluntary offerings of Churchmen for the repair of ancient fabrics must amount to some millions of money. Men like Dean Argles and the late Dean (Dr. Percwne) are, in their lavish outlay upon Church restoration and the like, but representatives of a very widespread feeling in the Church. Men have delighted to spend money on works of restoration, who could hardly have been expected to show the same liberality if the buildings were soon to be reft from them and pronounced national.—*Family Churchman.*

MICHIGAN.—On Sunday evening, April 19, Bishop Davies administered confirmation in St. Paul's Church, Jackson, the Rev. R. B. Balcom, rector. In the class were three deaf mutes, two of whom were baptized in the afternoon by the Rev. A. W. Mann. He addressed them for the Bishop. The next evening found Mr. Mann with a congregation of 'silent' worshippers at St. Paul's Church, Lansing. Two, a man and his wife, came sixteen miles by team, and returned home after service, making thirty-two miles of travel over heavy roads for the glorious privilege of worshipping Almighty God, and receiving religious instruction in the language that best meets their needs. Truly the devotion of such people,—and there are many like them in this 'silent community,'—is encouraging to their pastor; and an example to Church people who hear.

INCOMES OF THE CLERGY.—The following is extracted from the *Cheltenham Chronicle*:—"The constant attacks by Nonconformists upon the clergy of the Established Church have doubtless persuaded many people that they form a very rich body, who occupy their present positions not so much from a sense of duty as from a desire to secure a good income. To such persons a few plain facts should be acceptable. There are 21,000 clergy engaged in parochial work in England and Wales. What are their incomes? 400 benefices are worth less than £50 a year; 3,600 are beneficed with incomes under £150 a year; 7,000 curates have an average income of £130 (without parsonage houses); and 7,000 other clergy receive incomes from their profession utterly insufficient for even a moderate maintenance of themselves and families. The fact is that the clerical profession is the worst paid of any, and thousands of clergymen would be unable to occupy their office unless they had private means, or earned an income from other sources. Those anxious to know the real facts about clerical incomes cannot do better than refer to the *Church Year Book* first. To a Churchman this book should be a *vade mecum*, but we suspect that many more people have read the Book of 'General' Booth and Mr. Stead's reviews thereof, than have even seen the *Church Year Book*. The latter deals with facts and figures, and its rivals in the sensational vagueness which is all too popular.

TRAIN the body not merely as a Greek athlete, or as a beautiful animal in the hope of an earthly prize; but train it as a destined partaker in these scenes of transcendent joy and worship which are described in the Apocalypse.—*Liddon.*