

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."
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

—1st. 24.

—Jude 3.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES

DURING the session of the Lambeth Conference, the Rev. John Henry Forrest Bell was ordained to the priesthood, by the Bishop of Washington Territory, in the chapel of the Bishop's palace, Salisbury, England. This is believed to be the first time that an American Bishop has ordained in England.

A FEW weeks ago, the one thousand and fifth anniversary of the consecration of a Church at Chester le street, Durham, was commemorated. The Bishop of Durham, who was accompanied by several colonial and American Bishops, officiated in the morning, and the preachers were the Bishops of North Dakota and Adelaide.

IN presenting the Archbishop of York for his degree at Cambridge, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishops. Dr. Sandys alluded to the long line of distinguished Prelates who had filled that See, remarking that it was almost on that very day, 1,263 years ago, that Justus, Archbishop of Canterbury, consecrated Paulinus, who, as Bishop of York, shortly afterwards baptized King Edwin. On the site of the humble shrine where that king was baptized, rose the magnificent fabric of York Minster, a building which was regarded with a reverent interest wherever the English language was spoken. The *Pall Mall Gazette* says that he was one of the four Bishops who voted at the Lambeth Conference in favor of allowing Nonconformists to preach in Church pulpits. The Bishops of New York, Minnesota, and Ripon, were the others.

FARIBAUT.—Bishop Whipple has obtained another large gift in England of fifty thousand dollars for Shattuck school. The Bishop cabled the news to the rector, Rev. James Dobbin, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. The gift is for a new drawing room to be built as a wing to the new Shumway Hall. When completed it will form one of the most complete and certainly one of the most imposing scholastic buildings in the country.

THEATRES: THEIR COST.—Mr. Dion Boucicault reviews for the New York *Herald* the "Modern Stage" and gives these statistics of the number of theatres in the United States as well as the amount of money spent in patronizing them.

Three thousand one hundred and seven cities and towns of the United States possess theatres, or halls for theatrical uses.

The number of such theatres in the United States is 4,023.

Their seating capacity accommodates, 3,164,000 spectators. That is about one person in every twenty of the population.

The amount of money paid by the people in support of their dramatic entertainments averages not less than \$7,423,000 per week.

These figures were the result of a statistical inquest made four years ago. Many theatres have been added to the above number since that time, so this estimate may be fairly, in every item, increased.

As a theatrical season covers at least thirty

weeks, we may take it for granted that more than \$200,000,000 are paid yearly by the American people for their intellectual entertainment.

There are plays which are instructive, some amusing and without hurt. But if we can depend upon the testimony of those acquainted with them, the most are debasing and demoralizing.

We talk of the poverty which stalks through Christian countries; but when we reflect upon the millions spent for drink and the two hundred millions spent in the United States on theatres—is it any wonder?

THE Bishop of Liverpool has written an extraordinary letter from Perthshire, disclaiming responsibility for the Lambeth Encyclical, on the ground that he had never seen a line of it until it appeared in the *Times*. The Primate's reply is simply crushing. "The draft Encyclical Letter," he says, "embodying the reports and resolutions of the month, was, after full notice on the previous days, read over, first as a whole, and then again, after discussion, paragraph by paragraph, in the presence of the whole Conference, with the exception of the few Bishops (eight, I believe, out of 145), who were on that day prevented by illness, or other causes from being present. From the Bishop of Liverpool's letter," continues the Archbishop, "I gather that we had not, unfortunately, the advantage of his presence for co-operation and criticism on that day. But the Encyclical Letter was, as I have said, considered by the Conference with the utmost care, and several not unimportant changes were made before it was resolved, without a dissentient voice, that I should sign it on behalf of the Conference."

EXTRAORDINARY rumours have been afloat to the effect that Princess Christian had seceded to the Church of Rome. It is only necessary to say that the exceedingly veracious *Freeman's Journal* is responsible for the statement. And, after all, the Royal Family is not bound to do just what the *Freeman's Journal* wishes it to do, any more than the Imperial Parliament.

BESIDES the false rumour about H.R.H. Princess Christian, there was another absurd canard in the society papers last week, to the effect that two well known and indefatigable West-end clergymen had seceded to Rome. The persons in question are not amused by these malicious falsehoods, and nobody should withhold pity from the miserable inventor of them.

ACTIVE preparations are being made for the Church Congress in Manchester. The opening services will be held on Monday afternoon, October 1, at the Cathedral, the Church of the Sacred Trinity (Salford), and at St. Anne's (Manchester). The sermons are to be preached by the Archbishop of York, and the Bishops of Adelaide and North Dakota.

ABRODEACON DENISON is again to the fore. The *Guardian* prints a letter in which he calls the High Church party to arms in defence of the Bishop of Lincoln. He wishes, in the first

place, a conference of clergy and laity—to be held, if possible, in London, on November 6—at which the following suggested declaration should be discussed:—

"Declaration of the undersigned Priests, Deacons, People, of the Church of England.

"We, the undersigned priests, deacons, people, of the Church of England, are persuaded, and do hereby declare, that proceedings at law in respect of the manner of worship of God, in Cathedrals, Churches, and Chapels, of the Church of England, have not only no tendency to promote unity, or to permit peace, but are, under every aspect, actively and increasingly injurious to both alike. And we make this declaration irrespectively of, and apart from, any conclusions or judgments generally, or particular, to which we may have come touching any one or more of the matters in dispute."

THE laborious task of constructing the new north porch of Manchester Cathedral is, we hear, rapidly progressing. The contractor has undertaken to have it completed by the end of September.

THE *Liverpool Courier* in a late issue, says:—

Many absurdities are finding their way into print in respect to the prosecution of the Bishop of Lincoln. In point of fact satisfaction is felt in ecclesiastical circles at the Privy Council having decided that the Archbishop of Canterbury has jurisdiction over his com-provincials. Otherwise, another Colenso, for example, securely placed in an English See, could snap his fingers not only at the law, but at every orthodox article of faith. Even the Bishop of Lincoln himself understood the gravity and importance of the issue involved in the preliminary stages of the case. If in the exercise of his discretion the Primate determines to hear the case with lay and episcopal assessors, it is known that Bishop King will fling aside the traditions of his party and enter an appearance—possibly to plead his case in person—against the advice of the Council of the Church Union.

THE *Courier* gives "the whole truth" about the famous Barry resolution proposed at the Lambeth Conference.

The Bishop of Sydney's motion set forth in simple terms a recognition of the ministerial character of "those ordained in non-episcopal communions, through whom, as ministers, it has pleased God visibly to work for the salvation of souls and the advancement of His kingdom." This was proposed in full Conference. Besides this, however, there was a paragraph in the original report of the committee on "Home Reunion," of which Bishop Barry was chairman, to the same effect. Will it be credited that, before allowing the report to be printed, the Conference ordered this paragraph to be expunged as "unsound and disloyal" to the Church? The Bishop of Sydney then went to a vote, but was supported only by the Bishop of St. Andrews and a few "broad Church" Colonial prelates. In its emasculated form the report on "Home Reunion" is consequently a travesty of the original, giving in