

# 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 Worcester Festival of Choirs took place on 12th Sept.

A Church Institute is being formed in Rochester, Eng., to promote social intercourse among all classes of Churchmen.

A BISHOP is not the father of the clergy only but of the Church—the head not of an Order only, but of a people.—*Westcott*.

FIFTY choirs, numbering *one thousand* voices, were expected to take part in the Bangor Diocesan Choral Festival held in the Cathedral of that city on the 25th inst.

THE Woman's Auxiliary of the P. E. Church in the U. S. have sent out about 3,000 mite boxes to be filled with money for their proposed endowment of the Episcopate in a missionary jurisdiction.

ACCORDING to the report given at the Sunday School Convention, recently held in St. Louis, there are in the United States: Sunday schools, 121,797; officers and teachers, 1,303,254; scholars, 9,688,506.

A Christian lady once said to Dr. Adam Clark: "Very true, the water of life is free, but we must pay for the pitchers to carry it in." There are some who think the pitchers ought to be thrown in free also.

AT the meeting in Toronto on 13th Sept., 1893, for the formation of a *General Synod* for the Dominion of Canada there were present 14 Bishops and 41 Clerical and 31 Lay Delegates, representing Dioceses from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

THE total expenditure of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel in the Foreign Mission Field up to the present has been \$28,051,750. In 1701 there were 81 clergy; there are now 8,442. In its colleges are 2,600 students and 38,000 pupils.

Sr. Paul's school, Tokio, Japan, has forty-nine students, of whom thirty-two are Christians. Three of these are Baptists and two Presbyterians. Fifteen out of the thirty students in the upper classes have declared their intention of studying for the ministry.

St. Luke's is the only church in Birmingham (there are not many in the whole of England) which boasts an "angelic choir." The experiment of a female surpliced choir was tried a few years ago with some trepidation on the part of the Vicar, and with much adverse criticism on the part of outsiders. After a good trial, however, most people are agreed that the experiment has proved a success, however reluctant other vicars may be to adopt the system

in their churches. The behaviour of the choir is as admirable as their singing is chaste and refined, and there is no church in Birmingham where Divine Service is better and more devoutly rendered. The Vicar (the Rev. W. B. Wilkinson) is choirmaster, and occasionally takes the solos in the Anthems.

At the Synod of the Diocese of Tuam the following resolution, moved by Lord Oranmore and Brown, and seconded by the Dean, was unanimously adopted: "That the Synod of Tuam, representing the members of the Church of Ireland in this extensive diocese, most unanimously protest against the Home Rule Bill, and earnestly hope that the Imperial Parliament will not allow it to pass into law."

FIVE hundred soldiers about to sail for India attended a special farewell service in Canterbury Cathedral. In the course of his sermon the Bishop of Dover exhorted the men to show themselves true Englishmen in the land to which they were bound, and to be faithful to Church and to country, to home and to God. As one of their Generals once remarked, soldiers were possible missionaries throughout the length and breadth of the Empire.

An event of unique interest to both the American and English Church is the election of Father Hall to the Bishopric of Vermont. The Rev. Arthur Cranstap Allison Hall is about forty-six years of age. He belongs to the Order of Mission Priests of St. John the Evangelist, at Cowley, near Oxford. He spent nineteen years in connection with the parish of the Advent, Boston, gaining an enviable reputation throughout the American Church, and was recalled home by the Superior of the Order in 1891.

LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., urged some time ago that while no indictment has been made by the majority in Parliament against her, the Church in Wales, on the other hand, had a heavy one to prefer against the action of former Parliaments. At the time of the disturbance in 1688 the Church in Wales was in a most efficient condition, and there was perfect sympathy between clergyman and congregations; but it was believed by the Government of the day that political advantage would accrue to one party if the efficiency of the Church was impaired. Bishops and clergy were appointed who were not in touch with the people, some being unable to speak Welsh, and the result was to destroy the efficiency of the Church, and the seeds of neglect and indifference were sown. But in the beginning of this century the Church awoke, and for the last forty years in no part of Great Britain had it made such progress as in Wales.

The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* of Dublin, referring to the Conference at Belfast, says: "Let us hope, too, that in all the debates the speakers will uphold the true position and

claims of our Church to be *the only Church of Ireland*. We are encouraged in our desires by the fact that one of the subjects appointed, not we hope for *discussion*, but for *consideration*, is "The Continuity of the Church." There need be no bitterness exhibited against honourable opponents, but plain speaking is not necessarily inconsistent with courtesy. The Church in Belfast has suffered too long from the insidious inroads of "veiled Dissent." A little more outspokenness, a good deal more strait teaching, a little less preaching, and far less encouragement of heresy and schism, would soon work wonders in Belfast Churchmanship. Whilst dealing with the *subjects* of the Conference we humbly suggest the advisability of having in some room convenient to the Conference meetings, an exhibition of Ecclesiastical Art and Church Worship accessories, such as usually accompanies, and with great success, the English Church Congresses."

For a Church population in Belfast of over 80,000, there is barely accommodation in the existing church and mission rooms for 18,000.

## THE DAILY PRESS.

The religious periodicals are suggesting the plan of boycotting those dailies, a large percentage of whose columns are simply an ingathering of the moral filth of society. The papers have to say for themselves that they supply what is demanded. The question is whether the press makes public opinion or public opinion makes the press. It is claimed that such a paper as would suit the better-minded class of people could not be made to pay; and the managers of our great dailies know better than anybody else what sort of a paper will have the most buyers and pay the best. They admit, then, that in this respect, at least, it is public opinion that makes the press. The conclusion is, therefore, that in order to have a clean press we must have a clean society. We need not wait for this until the Christian religion as the regenerative force of society is operative in the lives of all men for the tide could be turned if Christians, and all persons who care for better things, were to take the right stand. The facts of the case are that in thousands of Christian families throughout the land the daily press is the only literature that is read. Aside from the disastrous moral injury of laying open the hideous vices and crimes possible to human nature, the desultory trash perverts and ruins all intellectual taste and culture. It is easy to say that one can read only such parts of the paper as he needs—a difficult task on account of the immensity of the sheets—not the serious and sad fact is that the younger members of the family only pick out the nastiness and the sensational and the exciting. There is no question at all if the body of the right minded people were to demand a clean and decent paper they would have it, and the fault lies largely at the door of the Christian world.—*The Church News*.