

# 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.

JOHN T. FARISH, of New York City, has bequeathed \$280,000 to charitable institutions in the Church.

Nearly 3000l. have been received toward the Archbishop Magee Memorial Fund. It is hoped that it will reach 12,000l.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Ripon will preach the opening sermons of the Church Congress at Rhyl.

THE enthronement of the Archbishop of York, Eng., (Dr. Maclagan) is fixed to take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 15th of September.

By the new constitution and Canons the Diocese of Alabama takes her place among those dioceses that require vestrymen to be communicants.

MISS MARY E. MANN, of Washington, D.C., has given six valuable lots to the Diocese of Maryland for the purpose of a Cathedral endowment.

THE Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have given the Imperial Federation League permission to erect a memorial in the Cathedral to the late St. John Macdonald.

The Rev. David Jones, one of the oldest clergymen in South Wales, having been rector of Bishopstowe Gower for sixty years, died on Friday, July 3, at the age of 90.

THE Restoration Fund of the Woolwich parish Church has reached £1700. When £2400 are reached, an anonymous donor will give another £100, and work can begin.

THE investigation of the dispute between the Church Missionary Society and Bishop Blyth was to be begun before the Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, 24th July.

CHURCH work in Northampton, Eng., is growing. It is suggested to raise two sums of £2,000 for the additional endowment of the parishes of St. Michael and St. Edmund, and a new Church and a chapel are also talked of.

THE death is announced at Cheadel, in Staffordshire, Eng., in his 78th year, of the Rev. Robert Williams, M. A., honorary canon of St. Asaph Cathedral, and for the last 41 years Rector of Llanfyllin, Montgomeryshire.

THE Church Pastoral Aid Society has received the sum of 5,000l. from Mr. H. B. Noble, through the Dean of Norwich, the interest accruing from which is to be spent, in conformity with the principles of the Society, in grants for curates in the Isle of Man.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph the second week in July received into the Church of England, in the private chapel of the Palace, three Roman Catholics. At the annual meeting of the Denbigh and Flint Baptist Association, reference

was made to the recent statement of the Bishop at Lampeter, that seventeen Non conformist ministers had applied to him for Holy Orders. The Bishop also received, a few days ago, another application from a leading Baptist minister.

THE Church Association has experienced defeat in the famous case of the reredos in St. Paul's Cathedral. It appealed from the decision of the Queen's Bench, which had sustained the Bishop of London. The appeal has resulted in the dismissal of the case with costs against the appellants.

THE usual summary, prepared by the Rev. H. T. Armfield, shows that there were at the Trinity ordinations 528 candidates in all for Holy Orders, of whom 251 were ordained deacons and 277 priests. Three hundred and five of the candidates, or upward of 57 per cent, were graduates of Oxford or Cambridge.

At the recent Commencement at St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hoffman offered to be one of ten to give \$100,000 each, \$1,000,000 to enlarge its usefulness! It is a great compliment to the College and to its revered Warden, the Rev. Dr. R. B. Fairbairn, who has been the head of the institution for twenty-eight years.

A SUPPLIED Choir of men and boys has been introduced in a Methodist congregation at Bradford, England. The Cathedral Psalter is employed at the morning service. We are not foolish enough to take this as any sign of approaching unity, but we are sure it is one of the things which goes to show that there is less reason for a separation to day than there was when John Wesley died in full communion with the Church of England.

THE growth of the P. E. Church in the U. S., is shown by the fact that during the ten years from 1880 to 1890, it made a net gain in communicant membership of 46.43 per cent., whilst during the same period, the population of the country gained only 24.86 per cent., thus showing that our growth was nearly twice as great in proportion as that of the population with all of its tremendous accessions from immigration.—*Living Church.*

The late Convention of the Diocese of Connecticut was its one hundredth meeting, and completed forty years of the Episcopate of Bishop Williams. The Convention finished its work in one day. The Bishop reported 1,659 persons confirmed during the year, the largest number in the history of the diocese. In the forty years he has confirmed 41,116 persons, ordained 338 deacons and 271 priests, and consecrated 96 churches. There are now 200 clergy and 25,650 communicants in the diocese.

THE Sixth annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in St. Louis, Mo., in the latter part of October, members in that city are making preparations for its entertainment. The probable cost will amount to \$4,000, of which over three thousand is already

pledged, and it is the intention to raise the entire amount before the delegates arrive.

AN American Missionary writing from the spot, and with evident knowledge of his subject, says that one of the most marked features of religious work in Palestine is the wish for unity on the part of Christian bodies in that region. All in the Greek Church, the Patriarchs of Jerusalem, Alexandria, and Antioch, the Armenian patriarch, and the Syrian and Coptic Bishops urge reunion, and in varying degrees are working for it. Most kindly relations exist between the Greek and the Anglican Churches; and the Jews themselves are more and more favorably disposed toward the English Church, which has never persecuted them.

DR. BROOKS' CONSECRATION—It is announced that Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks will be consecrated a Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts on Wednesday, October 14th, in Trinity Church Boston. The consecrator will be Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, presiding Bishop of the Church in the States. Bishop Clarke, of Rhode Island, will be one of the presenters. Bishop Potter, of New York, will preach the sermon. The attending presbyters will be the two clerical brothers of the Bishop-elect, the Rev. Arthur Brooks, Rector of the Church of the Incarnation in this city, and the Rev. John Cotton Brooks, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, Mass.

At a late Methodist District Conference in England, the Rev. J. Carter, after referring briefly to the development of Methodism, and its position and responsibility to day, moved the following resolution, which was also unanimously adopted as a memorial to Conference:

"That whereas the name we now officially use, viz., 'The people called Methodists in the Connexion established by the late Rev. John Wesley, A.M.' bears the stamp of being provisional merely, this meeting respectfully submits to the Conference that the time has come when we should revise our designation so as to include the word 'church' in some such way as the following:—'The Methodist Church of England.' This meeting believes that such a change would be a protection to many of our people against the unscriptural narrowing of that word by a large number of heretical teachers."

Upon this a Mr. Foxley enquires pertinently; 'Can a society become a Church by calling itself so, especially when all its members are already members of their own parish Church by virtue of their baptism?'

"THE path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Thomas Brookes, the old Puritan divine, says—'If you only have candle light, bless God for it, and He will give you starlight. When you have got starlight, praise God for it, and He will give you moonlight; rejoice in it and He will give you sunlight. And when you have got sunlight, praise Him still more, and He will make the light of your sun as the light of seven days, for the Lord Himself shall be the light of your spirit.'—*Episcopal Recorder.*