

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 Rev. Dr. Williamson points out the divisions which exist at Shanghai. Here are seven separate missions all at work on different lines.

A writer in *Truth* notices it as "a singular fact" that whenever the Queen selects Friday for a "drawing room," she has to postpone it by a death.

THE United Kingdom Band of Hope has raised £10,000 for active educational work, and for temperance lectures in day schools all over the country.

At a Church Missionary Society bazaar at Kensington, Bishop Hannington's diary and other interesting objects belonging to him were shewn.

THE diocesan memorial to Dean Burgon is to take the form of a stained-glass window in the Lady-chapel of Chichester Cathedral. Lord Salisbury's name figures in the first list of subscribers.

THE *Independent* of March 14, has an extremely important article giving the statistics of divorce in the United States from 1866 to 1886 from which it appears the increase has been 250 per cent. in twenty years, more than twice as fast as the population.

IN the State of New York alone 500,000 persons, or about one twelfth of the entire population, received aid from some benevolent institution during the year 1888. The expenditures of the various State charitable, correctional, and reformatory institutions, for the year amounted to \$13,315,000.

In spite of proof to the contrary, says a society paper, the witty parson seems to be a type that is not altogether extinct. Two well-known clergymen lately missed their train, upon which one of them took out his watch, and finding it to blame for the mishap, said he would no longer have any faith in it. "But," said the other, "isn't it a question not of faith, but of good works?"

THE Bishop of Cork held a confirmation in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, lately, when there was a remarkably large congregation present, and the number of young persons 296, who received the "laying on of hands" was considerably above the average. The Bishop, who was attended by his chaplains, the Dean and Archdeacon of Cork, addressed the candidates twice during the interesting and solemn ceremony.

AMONG the benefactors of the Diocese of Indiana are included the names of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morrison, who gave the lot on which the present Episcopal residence is built, worth, at the time it was given, \$11,000, and five lots on North Meriden Street, from which has been raised \$12,000. Mr. John B. Howe gave also \$5,000 to the Diocese towards the Episcopal residence, and Mr. Chas. Viele \$2,000 towards endowment, some years ago.

His Grace the Lord Primate of Ireland, intends bringing forward a Bill in the next meeting of the General Synod, which will open at the beginning of next month in Dublin, which will contemplate the increasing of all clerical incomes of beneficed clergymen who have been fifteen years in orders, to a minimum of £200 a year.

THE workmen engaged in replacing the pavement of the retro-choir of Lincoln Minister, had occasion to remove the decayed slab which covered the grave of Bishop Oliver Sutton, who died Nov. 13th 1299. In the grave they found a silver-gilt chalice and paten in a state of perfect preservation, also a large gold ring set with a piece of rock crystal. By the side of the skeleton was a much-decayed pastoral staff, with a crook beautifully carved with maple leaves.

A circular letter has been addressed to the American Church to the effect that the Corporation of the Church House is now in a position to begin the task of making a collection of documents to illustrate the work of the Anglican Church throughout the world. Several of the dioceses are taking up the matter, and endeavouring to furnish the library of the Church House with a full collection of publications illustrating their histories.

It has been reported that the Bishop of Truro intended to resign owing to ill-health; but after consulting with the Archbishop of Canterbury he has decided not to do so. Dr. Wilkinson continues in residence until Easter, he will then leave the Diocese for six or nine months, to try and regain his health. During his absence it is believed that Bishop Speechly, late of Travancore and Cochin, who has taken the Bishop of Rochester's work during his absence, will administer the Diocese.

FOUR services a day, with at least two addresses, was the ordinary rule in most of the London churches for the first four week days of Holy Week. Whilst the three hours' service was commonly held on Good Friday, and in many churches with four other services on the same day, Easter Eve was comparatively quiet, with only two or three services. But Easter Day had as many as seven or eight services in many London churches, so as to accommodate as many different congregations as possible, and to accommodate the large numbers of communicants on that day.

The ordinations in Lent are always small, but the numbers this year are even below the average. The Archbishop of York, and the Bishops of Bangor, Chester, Chichester, Gloucester and Bristol, London, Peterborough, Ripon, Salisbury, St. David's, Wakefield, and Worcester held ordinations—seventy-four candidates being admitted to the diaconate and fifty-three advanced to the priesthood. Of these, forty were graduates of Cambridge, thirty-seven of Oxford, sixteen of London, fourteen of Durham, seven of Lampeter, and one of Dublin. Of the others, five were educated at St. Bees, four were Licentiates of Divinity of St. John's, Highbury, three at Gloucester, and

one each at the Scholæ Cancellarii at Lincoln, Truro, and Leeds at Queen's College, Birmingham, and St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead.

NEWS.—The Prot. Episcopal Churchmen in America purpose, says the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, to reorganize their Church after the model of the Church of England, and to name it the "American" Church. There is to be an archbishop at New York, with a magnificent cathedral. He will be to the American Church much what the Archbishop of Canterbury is to the Anglican Church. Other cities are also to have Cathedrals, and there will be the ecclesiastical array of deans, archdeacons, canons, and so on. A general synod will meet every ten years in place of a general convention meeting in every three years.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

IN MEMORIAM.—Robert Willis was born in Mount Dalhousie, Pictou, N.S., and went into business at Stellarton, in the same county, where he was prospering till the great Foord Pit explosion (by the scattering of his customers) obliged him to make a compromise with his creditors. The firm of A. P. Willis & Co., of Montreal, gave him employment at a salary, and on that he has lived with a heavy load of debt bearing him down until he was borne to the grave; but he cleared the \$6,000 he owed, (the last \$1,600 having been handed over since his death), and thus proved true to his Father's teachings, "owe no man anything," "Conquer difficulties or die in the attempt." His family will not want and the Church in Montreal will receive a token of the love he bore to the Church of England. Robert Willis proved himself

"An honest man,
The noblest work of God."

He was buried at Stellarton by the Freemasons, his former Rector, Rev. R. D. Moore, and his father's Rector, Rev. H. Harley, officiating.

PETITE RIVIERE.—During the Holy season of Lent there have been special services held in this parish as usual, with addresses on: first, Temptations; second, How to live a new life. These subjects followed very aptly the visit of his Lordship the Bishop on Feb. 27th, and Lent following the Confirmation gave the newly confirmed a good opportunity of becoming more alive to their future conflicts and the help of God's Grace to assist them in those conflicts. The Lenten services have been well attended. There have been upwards of 49 services with addresses held by the Rector during Lent. Easter day brought with it a blessed fact and a lovely service; a fact which showed itself by a large increase of communicants. A lovely service, fully choral, in the parish Church, at 10 a.m.; there were 34 communicants, though the congregation is a very small one. At the time of the offertory two of the Sunday-school scholars brought to the chancel two silver baskets full of lovely May flowers to be placed upon the altar. The children of the S.S. had each contributed a bunch, and they offered them