

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 C.M.S. are about to extend and develop their mission work in Matabeleland.

A CHAPTER of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been formed in St. John's Parish, Birkenhead, England.

THE Church Pastoral Aid Society is, we hear, preparing to establish training homes for its women agents in various centres of population.

BISHOP HALL, the newly-consecrated Bishop of Vermont, has so mapped out his work as to visit the principal parishes in the State during the Lenten season.

THE election of the Rev. Alan George Sumner Gibson to the post of Coadjutor Bishop of Cape Town has been duly confirmed by the Court held for that purpose.

THE Archbishop of York has intimated that confirmations will be held at about 150 centres in the diocese, chiefly during the coming season of Lent and in the early spring.

MR. C. A. BRIGG, of Huddersfield, has sent 10,000 copies of the "Epistle to the Romans," by post, to householders residing in Rome. The Bible Society prepared a special edition for the purpose.

AN interesting statement will, we hear, be shortly issued by the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, showing the connection through its agency of the Universities, etc., with that continent.

THE election of a successor to the late Bishop Perry, of Perth, Western Australia, has been delegated to the Bishops of Manchester, Durham, and Southwell, with the proviso that a home clergyman shall be appointed.

THE Dean of Canterbury is supposed to receive £2,000 per annum, and each canon residentiary £1,000; but in consequence of the depression in agriculture the dean's income has fallen as low as £900, and that of the canons to £450.

"THE Diocese of Fond du Lac," referring to the duty of subscribing for a Church paper, says: "Take your choice, but do not say you are a Christian and a Churchman and then remain ignorant of the life and work of God's Kingdom."

THE strongest Church place in the United States is probably Old Chief's Village, Red Lake, where Rev. Mr. Willis, assisted by Rev. Mark Hart (native clergyman) is laboring. There almost the entire adult population are communicants. Before 1878 there was not one; nor, with the exception of the Old Chief and his

brother, one who had ever seen a Christian church. All in the place were utter heathen, and they came over to us in a body. Has there been a similar instance in our country?—*Minnesota Missionary*.

CANON DANKS, Rector of Richmond, has declined the See of Wellington, New Zealand, which was offered him by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Durham, acting as a Commission on behalf of the Church in New Zealand.

THE Bishop of Durham and his assistant Bishop confirmed in 1893 a total of 5,867 candidates, of whom 2,323 were males, and 3,544 females; and the Bishop of Ripon and his Suffragan confirmed 5,928, 900 boys, 2,889 girls, 319 men, 721 women.

THE Bishop of Calcutta, as Metropolitan of India, has been visiting the Diocese of Madras for the purpose, among others, of endeavoring to heal the dissensions in the Church in Tinnevely, which have arisen over the questions concerning caste observances by the native Christians.

THE Committee of the C.M.S. have nominated the Rev. Hubert Tugwell as successor to Bishop Hill, of Western Equatorial Africa, and the Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed his willingness to consecrate him. Mr. Tugwell has been a missionary of the C.M.S. at Lagos since 1889, and graduated from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 1880.

A donation of £300 has been made by Mrs. Cubitt, of Brighton, to build one of the five small houses in connection with the hostel of St. Luke's, and she will leave by will a sufficient sum to endow the house with £50 a year. The inmate chosen is to be a poor clergyman of the Anglican communion, over sixty years of age, or permanently incapacitated by illness.

THE total number of Cambridge men who have joined the Universities' Mission since it began its work is twenty, including Bishops Mackenzie and Smythies. Five had died in Africa. The present Cambridge staff is seven. Of Oxford men, thirty-six have joined, including Bishops Tozer and Hornby. Of these, thirteen are still working, and ten have died in the field. Durham has sent two, London three (including Bishop Steere), Edinburgh one, and Dublin one.

LETTERS from the Matabele expedition bear high testimony to the courage and devotion of the Bishop of Mashonaland, who accompanied the forces, and was most assiduous in his attention to the wounded, European and native alike. This prelate is son of a distinguished Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Knight Bruce, who has just attained his fortieth year, was a well-known athlete at Oxford. He worked for some years

amongst the poor in Liverpool, and afterwards in poverty-stricken districts of London, as a missionary chaplain to the Bishop of Bedford. He is a splendid horseman, and has often been seen, when travelling in the Bloomfontein diocese, driving an ox wagon and handling the long whip.

SOME one describes the duties of the modern Parish Priest after the following almost comical manner: "The Parson now-a-days is expected to visit the sick like a doctor, and the well like an industrial insurance collector, to counsel like a lawyer, to talk like a public lecturer, to study like a professor, to pray like a monk, to financier like a bank cashier, to play at being editor, and last, but not least, to attend and direct about half-a-dozen lodge meetings each week, technically called guilds."—*St. Mary's Chimes*.

THE following interesting figures are taken from the *Westminster Gazette* of the 5th ult., which remarks that the longevity of irremovable dignitaries is proverbial, and the Church of England is a conspicuous instance of it. The following table of Bishops and Deans, who have passed the age of three score and ten, contains the names of many who are still doing good and valuable work, together with a few, and those not necessarily the oldest, who are manifestly unfitted by age or infirmity for active service, and ought to retire:

Bishop of Chichester.....	91
" Bath and Wells	85
" Liverpool	77
" Hereford	76
" Gloucester and Bristol.....	74
" London	72
" Llandaff.....	72
" St. David's.....	71
" Wakefield	70
Dean of St. David's (Allen).....	91
" Ripon (Fremantle).....	87
" Exeter (Cowie).....	77
" Llandaff (Vaughan).....	77
" Durham (Lake).....	76
" Bangor (Lewis).....	75
" Canterbury (Payne Smith).....	75
" Carlisle (Henderson).....	75
" Lincoln (Butler).....	75
" Rochester (Hole)	74
" St. Paul's (Gregory).....	74
" Westminster (Bradley).....	72

THE Dean of Ely who died the other day was 85. It will be seen that, on the whole, the repose of a deanery is more favourable to length of days than the wear and tear of a bishopric. Among the inferior dignitaries of the Church the oldest are Archdeacon Denison, of Taunton (88) Canon Heurtley, Margaret Professor of Divinity at Oxford (87), Archdeacon Browne, of Bath (84), and Lord Forester, Canon of York (80). The youngest bishops on the bench are the Bishops of Rochester and St. Asaph, each aged 45. The youngest dean is Dr. Paget, Dean of Christchurch (cir. 43), the youngest Archdeacon is Dr. Sinclair, Archdeacon of Lon-