

# The Church Guardian

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"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.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has accepted the presidency of the Palestine Exploration Fund.

THE Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York, is preparing for a considerable enlargement of its ground and buildings.

IT is stated that Lord Ardilaun has resolved to erect a chapter-room for St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Ireland, at a cost of £10,000.

ACCORDING to the *Chichester Diocesan Calendar*, the voluntary contributions of the diocese for Church purposes amounted in the year 1890 to £118,630.

THE P. E. Church in the U. S. has lost another of its leaders, through the death of Bishop Paddock, of Massachusetts, who entered into the rest of Paradise on Monday, March 9th.

WHILE the population of Virginia increased 10 per cent. from 1880 to 1890, the number of communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church increased in the same time about 33 per cent.

THE committee of the Diocesan Convention of Virginia, appointed to consider the matter, have decided unanimously upon a report in favor of a division of the diocese into two dioceses of about equal proportions.

THE Archdiocese of York, Eng. to which Bishop Magee, of Peterboro, has just been promoted, has 934 clergy. During the last year 7980 persons were confirmed. The population of the diocese is given at 1,304,429.

MR. FRANK SELLWOOD, of Cullompton, Eng., promised the C.M.S. £1000 if it should be definitely resolved to extend the work to Usogo. We learn that an anonymous donor has since left a bank note for £1,000 at Salisbury square.

THE appointment of the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby to a canonry at Windsor, Eng., will give great satisfaction to the temperance party. He has long been known as a militant teetotaler and a thorn in the side of every moderate drinker.

BISHOP PERRY entered upon his eighty-fifth year on Tuesday, and is still sufficiently active to take an interest not merely in the more important discussions at the C.M.S. House, but also in such gatherings as those of the London Clerical and Lay Union.

THE Bishop of Newcastle's Fund, with which so much good work has been done during the past eight years in helping to build, extend, and repair churches and mission halls, and in augmenting stipends, has now reached the large sum of £79,480 13s. 9d.

WHITTONHALL, London, is the place selected for the opening of the next Labor Home under the auspices of the Church Army Social Scheme. A large house has been taken between the

Pavilion Music Hall and another very well-known public house. Behind it is the mortuary where the body of the recently murdered woman was deposited.

A LARGE increase in the number of candidates for Holy Orders in Indiana, U. S., is reported by Bishop Knickerbacker. There are twelve candidates and three postulants. A vigorous Episcopal administration in that heretofore weak and unpromising diocese is, under God, bringing about a great change for the better.

WHETHER the Episcopal Church in the United States can fairly be called one of the "smaller denominations" is at least an open question when it is considered that the Anglican Church, of which it is a part, outnumbers all other Protestant bodies in the English speaking world combined. There are 230 Bishops and 32,938 other clergy.—*Pacific Churchman*.

THE Ven. W. E. James, Archdeacon of Carmarthen, Wales, has issued a statement showing the amount of money spent in the diocese of St. David's during the past year in the restoration and erection of churches, mission chapels, &c. The total amount comes to £22,750. The voluntary contributions to this one branch of Church work were in 1888, £15,828; in 1889, £16,749; in 1890, £22,750, making a grand total in three years of £55,327.

THE Exchange Telegraph Company learns that the Church Missionary Society has received a letter, dated "South End of the Victoria Nyanza, December 18, 1890," confirming the news of the death of two missionaries, the Rev. G. W. Dunn and Mr. H. J. Hunt, from fever at Lake Nyanza. The dispatch adds that Bishop Tucker, who heads the missionaries, was just recovering from successive attacks of fever when the mission boat returned to Usambiro on Nov. 28.

BISHOP POTTER says that the Church is preaching the Gospel in New York city "not only in almost all the tongues of Europe, but in those of China, Armenia, Turkey and Persia." One parish has promised him \$3,000 a year for city missions among the various classes and nationalities, and the daughter-in-law of Robert Browning has promised to build a \$40,000 chapel. But still the Bishop feels that but little is being done compared with the vast needs and opportunities.

IN "Darkest England," page 189, General Booth boasts of the thirteen Homes in Great Britain, accommodating 307 girls, together with seventeen Homes abroad, as "constituting, perhaps, the largest and most efficient effort of its character in the world." But the *Church Penitentiary Association* has eighty-three Homes connected with it, and last year reported over two thousand five hundred fallen girls and women restored to respectable life—and yet we have not heard of its boasting at all.

GIVE US HEARTY RESPONSES.—The beauty of the Church service is sadly marred when the responses are feeble. Would a Churchman tolerate whispering on the minister's part in

his portion of the service, or humming of the tunes on the part of the choir, in its allotted portion? No wonder we lose so much of the benefit designed for us by the Church when we fail to comply with her requirements. No wonder that strangers fail to see the beauty and appropriateness of the prayer book service when the congregation's part is poorly rendered. A devout priest, a reverential choir and a participating congregation, acting conjointly, can do more good in this respect than all the praise ever bestowed upon the service book, and commend it more to strangers than all the expositions of its intrinsic excellencies. A faithful use will show anyone its advantages.—*Selected*.

THE *New York Freeman's Journal*, Roman Catholic, has this to say concerning an interesting innovation in that church: "A new step in advance has now been made by the Paulists in the introduction of congregational prayers and singing at the nine o'clock Low Mass. This was first attempted last Quinquagesima Sunday morning, the Rev. Father Elliott, by whom the Sunday night services have been so successfully conducted, acting as a sort of precursor or leader in the pulpit. Without a word of exhortation or direction the people joined at once with full voice in all the prayers and hymns. This devout method of assisting at Low Mass will no doubt be recognized as a great boon, and we venture to predict that it will spread rapidly throughout the country."

UNPAID LAY READERS.—The first effect of transferring the unpaid Lay Readers of the Diocese of London, Eng., from the charge of the Bishop's private chaplain to the care of the new Readers' Board under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Marlborough, is the removal of 91 names from the list of Lay Readers, and reducing the number to 133. The Bishop of London's private chaplain had in recent years exercised so little care in the admission of readers to be commissioned by the Bishop after a very solemn service, that several of those still retained on the list would hardly be admitted to the office now by the Readers' Board. It is hoped by this weeding process to raise the status of the office, and make it more acceptable to the more spiritually-minded laity, who have been apt to hold aloof from an office recently conferred with so little discrimination, though with great solemnity. The further action of the Readers' Board is being watched by male lay workers in London with much interest, as the regulation under which parochial readers are to be appointed are much less stringent than before. Improvements in the spiritual qualifications of the new men must come from administration rather than from the regulations, which seem in some respects weak. No diocesan readers have yet been admitted to that office.

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