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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 Bishop of Bath and Wells entered on his 86th year on the 20th August last. He was consecrated in 1869.

Of the \$25,000 given this year in the New York churches for the Hospital Fund, over two-thirds came from Church parishes.

THE death of the Right Rev. William Bennet Chester, D.D., Bishop of Killaloe, Ireland, is announced. He was in his 73rd year.

ACCORDING to Professor Lexis, of Gottingen, the Jews now number 7,403,000. Of these 3,600,000 are in Russia and 1,600,000 in Austro-Hungary.

FOURTEEN new Chapters of the Brotherhood of ST. ANDREW are reported as formed during last month in the U. S. Four new Chapters were formed in Canada.

THE Rev. Canon Bell, Rector of Cheltenham, has decided to introduce a surpliced choir into the parish church. Canon Bell is a very pronounced member of the Evangelical party.

HOLY Trinity Church, St. Mary labour, opposite Portland Road Station, London, has open air services on Sunday afternoons and evenings, and Monday and Tuesday evenings, by the rector, Rev. A. J. Robinson.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of that Province have recommended Sunday, November 12th, as TEMPERANCE Sunday. If the whole Anglican Church could adopt the same day it would be well.

REV. CHAS. R. BAILEY, late pastor of the Baptist Society at Salem, N.H., has been received by the Bishop of New Hampshire as a candidate for Orders in the Church, and has been licensed as a Lay Reader at East Concord.

THE use of the vernacular in Divine Service has been under consideration by the Dutch Old Catholic Episcopate and clergy lately gathered at Amersfort, and a commission has been appointed to inquire and report upon the matter.

BISHOP SEYMOUR'S sermon on "Marriage and Divorce" is most earnest and timely. Would that every one called or calling himself a "minister of Christ" might read it and act upon its precepts. It consists of two parts: Part one, an appeal to ministers of Christ. Part two, an appeal to the laity.

A PARTY of five missionaries have just left England for work in Africa under the Universities' Mission. Of these the Rev. A. G. B. Glossop, Dr. F. A. Robinson, and Archibald

Hitchborn are going for the first time, and Messrs. Joseph A. Williams and T. Broekway are returning. On September 11th three ladies, Miss A. M. Gay, Miss G. E. Holloway, and Miss M. G. Palmer also leave England to join this Mission.

REV. Arthur Cranshaw Alliston Hall, D.D., of Oxford, England, was elected at the Convention of the Diocese of Vermont, on 31st August, to succeed the late Right Rev. William Henry Augustus Bissell as Bishop of the diocese. A cablegram was sent at once to the Bishop-elect, advising him of the action of the convention.

FROM the report of the thirteenth Synod of the Old Catholics of the German Empire it appears that there are now fifty-one parish priests, a number which Bishop Reinken's next ordination will increase to fifty-six. Since 1883 six new congregations have been organised, five new churches have been erected, and five more are planned. The general funds show improvement.

THROUGH the instrumentality of medical missionaries, says the *British Weekly*, the Gospel is being carried into the Imperial Palace in Peking. This is a cause for special thankfulness. In China the throne is the buttress of idolatry. A converted Emperor would mean, sooner or later, a converted empire. If the official worship by the Emperor were done away with, idolatry would soon cease throughout the land.

FROM *The Church Fly-leaf* of the Diocese of New Hampshire we learn that while the population of the State has increased only 18.29 per cent. during the last twenty years, the Church has increased in the number of her communicants 145.25 per cent., or about eight times as fast as the population. In 1872 there were only 1,308 communicants; now there are 3,208. Several of the Sectarian bodies, viz., the Methodists, the Baptists, and the Free Baptists have not increased as fast as the population. The Roman Catholics have increased largely, but chiefly by immigration from Canada.

THIS is a description of the most notable Congregational Chapel in Glasgow: "The pulpit has been removed to one side, the prayer desk and lectern, from which the devotional parts of the service are conducted, have been made more prominent, and on the wall behind the Communion table there is a wooden screen with a panel of green velvet and a large yellow satin cross in the centre of it." Comment is needless, save to this extent. There are congregations of Churchmen who would raise a revolt in many a parish if this sort of change were made in the Church. Yet the Glasgow Congregationalists are unmoved.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

MR. GLADSTONE is thankful for small mercies. If he has got 3,500 Presbyterian sup-

porters in Ireland, which we very much doubt, what is that number out of a population of 600,000? The member for Midlothian says that he attaches "great value" to the address from the 3,500; yet he attached none whatever to the declarations of the General Assembly representing and speaking the mind of the whole Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He would not even receive a deputation from the special Assembly, which, with "singular unanimity," the outgoing Moderator (Rev. Dr. M'Choyno Edgar) declared on the meeting of the last Assembly, had condemned the Home Rule Bill as "a menace of our civil and religious liberties." The vagaries of Mr. Gladstone are very strange. Only those people who agree with him are right; all others are wrong, and their opinion is of no value, no matter how overwhelming their numbers might be. This is his view, and it is his notion of what is fair.—*Christian Advocate*.

THE *British Honduras Churchman* says: "Now that Bishop Nuttall (of Jamaica) has been appointed Primate of the West Indies, we sincerely trust that immediate steps will be taken to bring about the appointment of a Bishop for the diocese, as the see has been vacant since July 6, 1891. How can the Church prosper under these conditions? Whoever is appointed Bishop will find plenty of hard work to do, for he will have to build up the diocese. Full information on this subject should be supplied to those who may be nominated for election, so that the position may be thoroughly understood before the election takes place." Our contemporary continues: "Every one is anxiously asking when will the Bishop be appointed? It is a very hard question to answer. He may probably be appointed by the end of this year, but we do not expect to see him until next year. In the meantime the diocese is under no episcopal supervision."

THE Oxford Movement, says "Peter Lombard" in the *Church Times*, is justly credited with the revival of Church ordinances, early celebrations, and weekly communions. But it is fair to the last century to note that these things were not unknown to our grandfathers. In a book entitled "Pietas Londinensis, or the present Ecclesiastical State of London," by James Peterson, published in 1714, there is mention of at least a dozen churches with weekly celebration. Nine had early, the hour being seven or eight. At seven there were two on certain days, six or seven, and noon. But it is by no means so certain as "Peter Lombard" seems to think that the revival of early celebrations in the present century was due to the Tractarians, though their extension undoubtedly was. There is no doubt that one of the first to introduce, or re-introduce, the practice was Dean Close, who was not precisely a Tractarian, just as there is no doubt that one of the earliest advocates of evening celebrations was Dean Hook, though he afterwards dropped the practice when he came to regard it as irregular.—*Scottish Guardian*.