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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.

BISHOP KNICKERBACKER will spend July and August at Bishopthorpe, Lima, Indiana.

THE Rev. Dr. Sills has been installed by Bishop Neoley as Dean of the Cathedral, Portland, Me.

AT his first visitation of St. John's church, Gloucester, Mass., recently, Bishop Lawrence confirmed 26 persons.

THE family of the late Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Peters have offered to erect a suitable memorial altar in St. Michael's church, New York, and the offer has been accepted.

A dedication service for infants is to be introduced at the Pembroke Baptist Chapel, Liverpool. (Why not adopt Infant Baptism—the legitimate mode of dedication—at once.)

AN effort is being made by a company of women in New York to provide paintings and other pictures for hospitals, insane asylums and educational institutions where there are free classes in art.

ROLLIN A. SAWYER, lately a Presbyterian minister, and Robert J. Morgan, lately an African Methodist Episcopal minister, have been received as candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Delaware.

ON the 50th anniversary of the election of the Rev. Dr. James Craik to the Rectorship of Christ church, Louisville, the congregation presented him with a square gilded box of wicker work containing \$1,000 in gold.

THE 75th annual convention of the Diocese of Maine was held on 12th June, when a discussion took place on a proposal to admit women to vote at parish meetings. By a majority of three votes, a resolution in favour was carried, but it was found to be unconstitutional, and was referred to the next convention.

THE annual Convention of the Diocese of Connecticut was held on June 12th. The Bishop reported that he had confirmed 1,273 persons and admitted 11 to the Diaconate; had advanced nine Deacons to the Priesthood; had received 10 clergy from other Dioceses, and had granted letters admissory to 19 clergy.

A feature of the parish life of St. Ann's church, West 18th st., New York (the Rev. Dr. Krans, Rector,) for several years past, has been the weekly Friday parish evening, the object of which is to allow parishioners generally, and strangers in particular, to meet the clergy and join in the informal exercises of the evening.

THE Bishop of Maine, in his Convention address, spoke most favourably of the Brother-

hood of St. Andrew, his conviction being that it is "one of the most valuable organizations and agencies of our Church," and that from its ranks the number of candidates for "Holy Orders will be in due time largely increased."

ONE of the vacant Australian Bishops—that of Wellington, N.Z., has been, we hear, filled by the acceptance of the post by the Very Rev. John Francis Stretch—an Australian born and bred—Archdeacon of Ballarat and sometime incumbent of St. Andrew's, Brighton, in the diocese of Melbourne. Archdeacon Stretch, who graduated at Trinity College, Melbourne, in 1874, was ordained deacon in 1878, and priest in the following year.

THE Bishop of New Westminster, the Right Rev. Acton Windeyer Sillitoe, whose death occurred on 9th June, '94, graduated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, in 1862, and was ordained in 1869 to the curacy of Brierley Hill; he was afterwards curate of All Saints', Wolverhampton, 1871-3; of Ellenbrook, 1873-6; chaplain at Geneva, 1876-7; and chaplain to the British Legation at Darmstadt, 1877-9. On November 1 of the latter year he was consecrated Bishop of New Westminster.

THE Bishop of Calcutta announces that all the difficulties which have hitherto stood in the way of the appointment of an independent Bishop for Tinnevely have been removed, and a Bishop may now be appointed who shall occupy the same position as Bishop Whitley in Chota Nagpore." The Bishop adds that "it is enough to say that the Bishop of Madras is prepared to invest the Bishop as his assistant with the fullest authority, and without any reserve," and that the Church in Tinnevely pledges itself to "receive and obey any such Bishop appointed by the Bishop of Madras." All appeals will lie to the Metropolitan and not to the Bishop of Madras as Diocesan.

BISHOP RULISON, in his last Convention address, in regard to Church music and choirs, said: In regard to Church music he was in sympathy with every movement to improve the choir and music; that there had been a great revival of interest and wide variance of opinion in the matter of choirs wearing vestments; that he was very glad to see the increased interest manifested in Church music; that he himself was in favor of vested choirs where they might be had with profit, i.e., where they could be trained and taught to sing, and not used simply to show their vestments; that caution was needed and haste should be made slowly; that there was no objection to having women and girls in the choirs, nor to their wearing vestments, so long as they conformed to womanly garments.

A STUDY of the dissenting papers published in London reveals (says the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*) how rapidly the Dissenters are falling into Rationalism. The *Christian World* is a

great dissenting organ, and its issue of June 7th gives plainest testimony to this fact. Thus it contains an elaborate attack on the Scriptural account of the sacrifice of Isaac, and reports a sermon by the Rev. R. E. Horton, preached on Sunday, June 10th, on the Authority of the Bible, which would make the hair of an old orthodox dissenter of the last generation stand on end. The *Christian World* reports Mr. Horton * * * as teaching that St. Paul was guilty of quibbling in Galatians, and gives other extracts from Mr. Horton's teaching in his chapel which show how rapidly the Congregationalists are on the down grade.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. — "The old query," says the *Hospital*, "Did this man sin, or his father, that he was born blind?" though unjust in one recorded instance, is nevertheless reasonable in many cases, though not as the Jews imagined, because of the malice of a vindictive God, but because there is no condonation of an infringement of the laws of nature. The self-indulgent father, the frivolous mother, can hardly hope for wise and unselfish children. This is hardly realized yet, but when it is it will not be held less reprehensible for man or woman to waste the health of body and strength of mind which they wish their children to inherit, than to waste the money they should transmit to them. The virtues of parenthood, however, like others, grow with use. And there is a regrettable tendency in modern sentiment to deprive parents of the wholesome discipline their position naturally provides for them."

THE Bishop of Western Michigan, in his Convention address, also referred to Choirs as follows: "Great variety attains in the persons composing the church choir and the dress of the choristers. As to the latter, it seems to me that it would be more in accordance with our Church traditions and tastes that women should assume some other dress than the cotta, which varies little from the surplice in which the minister is habited. A more important matter is, that in the *personnel* of the choir should be found only persons whose characters befit their sacred employ. A good voice is a poor return for a person whose presence in sacred habiliments is painful to the congregation. The ancient *Psalmistae* were appointed with a certain form and charge. The canon in speaking of 'vain and ungodly persons (title I, canon 25,) profaning the service of the Sanctuary,' has certainly regard to something more than light and unseemly music, and indecency and irreverence in the performance."

BISHOP GILLESPIE also referred to the importance of religious instruction of the younger members of the choir, adopting some words written by *The Churchman*, of New York, as follows: "Under present conditions, it is a great deal to get the boys into the Church at all; and there are choirs in which the boys