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the Doctrines and Rubrics of the Prayer Book.

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—1. ph. vi. 24.
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

DR. DOLLINGER being consulted by a Protestant lady as to the propriety of joining the Roman Church, said: "Bethink you that, if you join the Roman Communion you must make, and confirm by oath, a solemn confession of faith which, among others, contains the following articles:—1. The universal lordship of the Pope over all Christians; 2. His infallibility; 3. The eternal damnation of all unbaptized persons, and of all baptized persons who knowingly remain out of communion with the Pope. To this must be added the doctrine of Purgatory, and of the power of Papal Indulgences, to set souls free from Purgatory. Are you sure that, if you complete this act of submission of your soul, no regrets hereafter will come to you, no reproaches of conscience torment you? You must henceforth give up the use of your New Testament, which you, no doubt, have been accustomed to read, &c."

THE aged Bishop Wordsworth in a late charge, cites the fact that in all Royal Proclamations for religious services particular mention is made "of the Episcopal Communion protected and allowed by an Act passed in the tenth year of Queen Anne." From that year of grace (1712) to the present time this recognition has always been made of the Scottish Episcopalian Church, as if, says the Bishop, to keep the door open for her return to the rank of a State Church.

Does the Church of Scotland make spiritual progress? A correspondent of the *Family Churchman* answers:—"When the late revered Bishop Forbes began his work in Dundee, there was only an 'upper chamber' for him in the town in which to minister to Churchpeople. Not a church had been built and no congregation had been formed. He erected the splendid pro-cathedral of St. Paul, and there are now six other churches with crowded congregations, and a seventh is being built. In Edinburgh, thirty years ago, there were eight churches only. Now there are twenty-two, including the magnificent cathedral church of St. Mary, in which every Sunday evening some two thousand Scotchmen join in the worship of the Anglican Church. In 1866, I entered upon the incumbency of a new church in Aberdeen, where there were then two other congregations.

There are now seven churches in and about the city—all, I believe, well filled. In my own church at the beginning we were but a handful of worshippers; but on my last Easter Day there were 170 communicants, and at St. Margaret's, in the Gallowgate, each Ascension Day hundreds of working men and women receive their communion between five in the morning. And this is the kind of progress which the Scottish Church is making all over the land. It is no small honour, too, to this branch of the great Anglican Communion, that it has consecrated to the worship of God in Edinburgh and in Inverness the only cathedral which has been built in Great Britain since the Reformation, with, of course, the exception of St. Paul's, London."

It is reported that the German Evangelical community in Palestine are taking steps to organize their Church on an independent basis, and to procure the nomination of a German Bishop of Jerusalem.

ON the occasion of the presentation of new colours by the Marchioness of Londonderry, at the Curragh camp, to the fifth battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers a short time ago, it was arranged by the chaplains, in conjunction with the military authorities, that a joint service should be held. Accordingly, having been formed up in square and the new colours placed on an impromptu altar formed by the drums of the corps, the Rev. F. Sadlier, senior military chaplain in Ireland, and the Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, chaplain of the Curragh Brigade, and their Roman Catholic colleague, the Rev. L. Dillon, vested alike in short surplice, cassock, stole, and biretta, entered the square. The latter recited in English two collects from the Special Office for the Blessing of Standards in the *Pontificale Romanum*, after which the hymn, "Brightly gleams our banner" was sung, and the Anglican chaplain said the Collect sanctioned by the War Office for the occasion. This is said to be the first time since the Reformation that this religious ceremony has been performed jointly by Roman and Anglican priests.

Two new English churches have been opened in Switzerland this year; one at St. Beatenburg, (of which the foundation-stone was laid last September by the Hon. and Rev. F. T. O. Spencer) with a dedication service on Saturday, August 20th, the chaplain (Rev. C. E. S. Ratcliffe), giving an impressive address. The Church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is built from a design by Mr. Spencer. The other, the little chapel of the Good Shepherd, at Bel Alp, was consecrated by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, on Sunday, August 21st. The land and the fabric both belong to the S.P.G., and have been forever set apart for the worship of God and the ministrations of the Church of England. The Rev. A. Fairbanks is to be incumbent.

THE *Record* learns that the Bishop of Manchester's coadjutor, the Right Rev. Dr. Cramer Roberts, formerly Bishop of Nassau, is "dead against" evening communion. He avers it to be irregular and an innovation. He has refused

to accede to a numerous signed petition asking for its restoration in Blackburn Church, of which he is now the vicar.

THE sudden death of Mrs. Walsham How, wife of the Bishop of Bedford, is announced. It took place on the last Sunday in August, at Barmouth, where the Bishop and Mrs. How have been spending their short holiday vacation. Mrs. Walsham How was the daughter of a former dean of Durham, Dean Douglas, and was sixty-three years of age. The funeral took place at Whittington on the 1st instant. The *Church-Review* says:—"It is impossible to exaggerate the loss the Church in the East End of London has sustained by the sad death of Mrs. Walsham How, resembling in its suddenness that of the wife of the late Bishop of London. Mrs. Walsham How seconded in every direction the manifold agencies for good established by the Bishop of Bedford, and she took an especial interest in everything that concerned the raising and ameliorating the condition of her own sex, while she often lent invaluable aid in work in poor parishes, and took part in missions. During their stay at Barmouth last month, where the Bishop preached every Sunday in the parish Church, the deceased took especial interest in the services for children His Lordship held on the sands."

THE Church of Bovey Tracey, one of the finest and oldest in Devonshire, was re-opened lately after a careful restoration, costing nearly £2,000, most of the amount having been contributed by Canon Courtenay, the vicar. There was a very large congregation, including Lord Devon and Lord Halifax, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Madagascar, who was formerly curate of the parish.

THE Bishop of Sodor and Man was expected to hold his first ordination at St. German's Cathedral, Peel, Isle of Man, on Sunday, September 25th.

The Rt. Rev. R. W. B. Elliott, the talented and brave Missionary Bishop of Western Texas, died at Sowaneo, August 26th. Bishop Elliott was a son of the venerable Bishop of Georgia, of nearly a generation ago, and was an officer in the Southern army during the war. He had been in ill health for some time, and had sought in vain for restoration to strength in extended foreign travel.

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Wilmot, the infidel, when dying, laid his hands upon the Sacred Volume, and exclaimed, solemnly and with unwonted energy, "The only objection against this book is a bad life."