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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 Confirmations in the Diocese of Chicago during April totalled up 331.

IN Omaha, Neb., a clergy house is being built at a cost of \$5,000 for the Associate Mission Priests.

A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been organized in connection with Grace church, New York.

St. John's church, Springfield, West Missouri, was consecrated on St. Mark's day by the Bishop of the Diocese.

THERE are said to be 40,000 Italians in Philadelphia, for whom the Church of Rome has only provided one church, with one priest and an assistant.

A special meeting of Churchmen of the Diocese of Chicago is to be held on May 23rd in the Grand Pacific Hotel, in that city, on the subject of "Church Extension."

CHRIST CHURCH, Montpelier, Vt., one of the oldest and most conservative parishes in the State, will introduce a vested choir of men and boys on Trinity Sunday.

THE 70th Anniversary of the founding of Hobart College was celebrated on the evening of Ascension Day by the Alumni of the College, their friends and invited guests.

THE Pennsylvania Bible Society, the first formed on the Western Continent, Bishop White being the first President, celebrated its 68th Anniversary on the 1st of May instant.

THE Bishop of Carlisle, an old friend of Sunday schools and of the Institute, presided at the anniversary meeting in the C.E.S.S.I., held in Exeter Hall on the evening of Tuesday, May 8th.

BISHOP POTTER, in the afternoon of May 5th, assisted at the opening of a new Academy and Home for Ship Builders on Fordham Heights, N.Y., built and endowed by Mr. Wm. Webb at a cost exceeding \$2,000,000.

ON the festival of St. Philip and St. James the Bishop of Nebraska consecrated the beautiful little church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, in De Witt, this being the twenty-eighth church he has consecrated in his Diocese in the nine and one-fourth years of his Episcopate.

THE Ohio correspondent of the *Southern Churchman* says: "What a good thing it would be if all Episcopal Churches could organize surpliced choirs; the idea does not involve matters of doctrine, and the feature is so distinctive that people are invariably attracted by it."

THE fifty-first anniversary of the Church of England Sunday School Institute was observed in London on the 7th, 8th and 9th of May, a festival service being held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday evening, May 7th, at which the Bishop of Wakefield was the preacher.

DR. LANGFORD, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the P.E. Church, at a recent meeting in Philadelphia, stated that during the first seven months of the fiscal year, from September last, the contributions to missions were larger than for the corresponding period of last year.

IT was announced at All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee, on the last Sunday in April, that the cancelled mortgage on the Western half of the Cathedral property was that day placed in the alms' basin at the offertory. This mortgage, originally \$10,000, was put upon the property 19 years ago. The total value of the whole property is now estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

THE debates on "Lay Ministration" at the recent sitting of the York Convocation showed that the clergy were not eager to extend the privileges of laymen in regard to the conduct of services in consecrated buildings, and that the laymen themselves were not anxious to take advantage of the extended powers which the Bishops in the northern province were willing to confer upon them.

AT Grace church, New York, the new vested choir began its duties on Ascension Day. It is under the management of Mr. J. Helfenstein. A free parochial school for the choir boys has been established in connection with the vested choir. A good secular education will be given. It is also determined to have a popular night service, when seats will be free to all comers. This, with other services, will cause worship to be held almost continuously during the hours of every Lord's Day.

St. John's church, New Decatur, Alabama, recently received, as memorial gifts, a new set of altar, pulpit and lectern cloths, in white and gold, bearing a design of Easter lilies and the I.H.S. Another memorial was the silver offertory plates heavily and finely chased, and a third presentation consisted of a brass altar Cross bearing the words "Easter" and "Thank Offering," presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bidd on the recovery of their little daughter. The children of the Sunday school presented two handsome brass vases and an altar book rest.

PREBENDARY REYNOLDS, in his report on the religious teaching in the Diocese of London, states that due prominence is not given to the work of the First and Third Persons of the Holy Trinity; that there is a want of consecutiveness in the teaching, arising out of presenting isolated bits of Scripture and theology to the total disregard of their natural connections;

that undue prominence is laid upon preaching, as though religion meant little else than hearing sermons; and that false views are presented of our Lord's life and work by giving children the impression that they both closed with the Crucifixion.

THE Massachusetts Church Union has passed formal resolutions protesting against the desecration of Christ church, Boston—and of all consecrated churches—to the purposes of a public hall, and calling upon conservative Churchmen to resist every tendency to divert our Church buildings to any other use than that of the public performance of the services of the Church, and the purposes of private devotion. The action which called forth the resolutions was the holding of a meeting in Christ church, Boston, in April, 1894, at which a Layman presided, and patriotic speeches were made commemorating certain national events of a century or more ago.

A League of Prayer has been formed under the patronage of the Bishop of Wakefield. The objects are as follows:

"1. To emphasize the fact that prayer is the strongest weapon of Church defence. 2. To unite all who love and honour the Church of England in a band of intercession, relying on St. Matt. xviii., 19. 3. To give every Churchman, rich and poor, something to do every day for the Church. 4. To utilize the spiritual help of that vast army of aged, sick, blind, and deaf, who, cut off from an active share in Church defence, may yet, by their prayers, do much to win the victory. 5. To help the active to realise that work for the Church is only really effective where strengthened by prayer to the Head of the Church."

A specimen of the "religious knowledge" imparted at the Board schools under national control in England is given by Mr. Coulthard in the May number of the *Church Sunday School Magazine*, as follows:

"Let me give an illustration of the nebulous haze of religious ignorance which it is possible for a child to acquire in a Board school. I have just had a private interview with one of my would-be Confirmation graduates, a girl of seventeen, of average intelligence, whose parents are anxious she should be confirmed, as she also is. She has been taught at a Board school which stands exceptionally high in the matter of religious teaching. Here is an accurate *resume* of part of the conversation:

"Now, I want to ask you about the Holy Communion. What is the Holy Communion?" After some hesitation: "A meeting."

"Well, where is the meeting held?" "In church."

"We'll call it a service, then. What do we specially do in that service?" "Pray."

"We do that at all services. What do we specially receive?" After great hesitation there was an indistinct mention of wine.

"Yes, we receive bread and wine at the Holy Communion. Why do we?" No answer.