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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 Winchester has been confined to his bed at Jersey by a bronchial attack.

THE Easter offerings at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, amounted to \$30,000.

THE Hon. Geo. Olcott, for 22 years treasurer of the Diocese of New Hampshire, died at his home in Charlestown on April 10th of pneumonia.

AT St. Andrew's church, Chicago, the Easter offerings amounted to \$5,265, nearly \$500 more than was required to pay the indebtedness of the parish.

IT is proposed to rebuild and enlarge the parish church at Mountain Ash, South Wales, as a suitable and lasting memorial to the late Lord Aberdare.

AT St. Andrew's church, Harlem, N.Y., 1,290 persons received the Holy Communion on Easter day, and the aggregate of the offerings amounted to \$8,500.

THE New York *Churchman* says that Good Friday was observed by many of the Presbyterians of New York and other religious bodies besides the Lutheran.

MR. George Alexander McGuire, lately an African Methodist Episcopal minister, was recently admitted by the Bishop of Delaware as a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church.

THE Bishop of Wakefield has been informed that her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to become the Patron of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, at the request of H.R.H. Princess Christian.

THE Rev. C. C. Pinckney, D.D., Rector of Grace church, Charleston, recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his Ordination. He is now 83 years old and himself preached on the occasion and gave a powerful and interesting discourse.

THE *Church Bells* says that exactly 50 years ago, on Lady Day last, the first Sisterhood was established in modern times in the Church of England. To-day there are 23 separate Sisterhoods up and down the country, with branches innumerable.

MANY places of business were closed and the Exchanges voted not to open in New York on Good Friday. The aldermen of the city also resolved that as many of the city departments as possible should be closed, and to this the Mayor assented.

AT Grace, Calvary, St. Bartholomew's, and

St. Thomas' churches, New York, the Easter flowers and music were specially magnificent," says the *Living Church*, "and particularly large Easter offerings were made. At all the churches there were crowded congregations."

BISHOP DOANE, of Albany, is pushing forward the erection of the necessary buildings for the Sisters' House and for additional hospital room. Half of the \$60,000 required has been secured, and in the third week of April Mrs. Howard Hart, of Troy, donated \$10,000 towards the Community house.

MISS WALKER, of Barton-on-Irwell, a native of Over, Chester, has bequeathed £2,000 to the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty upon trust, the interest to be paid annually to the incumbent of St. Chad's, Over, in augmentation of the living as long as the Davenport tombs are kept in good order and repair.

IN addition to the legacy of \$93,000 from Mrs. Charles S. Keerl to the Diocese of Maryland, noted lately, the diocese will also inherit nearly all the estate of her son estimated to be worth between \$200,000 and \$300,000, if Mr. Keerl's Will be sustained by the Courts. The matter is now in litigation, the Will having been contested by an aunt of the testator.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Meade, Bishop of Cork, is at Paris under treatment at the Pasteur Institute. He was bitten some days since by a pot dog, and appeared to be suffering from paralysis. The bite penetrated the skin of the hand, and the animal died a few days later. His Lordship, by advice, at once proceeded to Paris, and cancelled all his engagements for some time.

St. George's church, New York (Rev. Dr. Rainsford, rector,) has 3,430 communicants on its books, and the clergy have under their care 1,124 families and 5,372 individuals, besides the Mission, which has a list of 500; 21 ushers, under the direction of two vestrymen, attend regularly to the seating of the great congregation. In the Sunday school there is a total, including Bible class members, of 2,169.

IN the University of Cambridge there has been established a Religious Discussion Society, of which the chief object is to seek to qualify Christians to give a reason for their hope, and to meet the difficulties of enquiring minds. Under the auspices of the Society, very interesting and remarkable meetings have been recently held. Freest discussions and questions are invited. On a recent Sunday evening a thousand University men were present, and many remained for personal interviews with the leaders.

THE beautiful new St. Peter's church, Chicago, was dedicated on Easter Sunday. The work was

commenced on the 29th of May, 1887, by the present rector, the Rev. S. C. Edsall, then a layman, when as a lay reader he held the first service in a cottage, a little parlor sufficing for the purpose. After his ordination as Priest in 1889 the present location on Belmont Ave. was secured and a small chapel erected. The new church is one of the handsomest in the city, costing, with the new pipe organ, about \$30,000. The offerings on Easter morning amounted to nearly \$1,000.

THE thirteen Scottish judges have decided that a man may not marry the niece of his deceased wife. The *Scottish Guardian* somewhat pertinently remarks that this seems an expensive way of finding out what a reference to the last page of the Prayer Book would have informed any one. But, of course, the judges' decision meant that this is not only the law of the Church, but of Scotland as well; and the two have not always been the same. The question arose over the marriage, before a registrar in England, of a late Glasgow gentleman "of high standing as an office-bearer in the United Presbyterian Church."

FREBENDARY Webb Peplow, as chairman of the National Protestant Church Union, lately sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury a copy of Lord Halifax's speech on reunion with Rome, and asked his Grace to make some public pronouncement upon it. In reply the Archbishop writes that, while he must abstain from the task of commenting upon speeches delivered by clergy or laity to members of the private societies to which they might belong, he had no hesitation in saying that in his opinion, to quote his correspondent's own words, "any corporate union with Rome, so long as she retains her distinctive and erroneous doctrines and advances her present unprimitive and unscriptural claims, is absolutely visionary and impossible."

IT is clear, says the *Family Churchman*, that at last Churchmen are really waking up to the reality of the attack upon their position and their endowments, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*. They had a shock in 1885, but speedily subsided into comfortable somnolence. Now they are really at work. The Church Defence Institution, with its ally, the Archbishops' Central Church Committee, must be accounted enemies of such a type as the Liberation Society is utterly incompetent to deal with. The whole country is being swiftly brought into organization and every diocese is to be thoroughly overhauled and their full committees summoned. The rapid development of the parochial committees is really remarkable. They now number 5,000, and the total grows daily. Since March 1st over 2,000 secretaries have taken office, and they are able to report a good deal of assistance from Nonconformists. In the meantime petitions to Parliament steadily flow in, and some Radical members view these signs of local feeling with a good deal of gloom.