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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.

It is stated that of the English Bench of Bishops, twelve are pledged abstainers.

On the best authority it is denied that the Bishop of St. Alban's intends resigning in the autumn.

THE BISHOP of London is reported to have informally expressed an opinion that the litigation respecting the St. Paul's reredos might extend over at least five years.

MR. W. PARSONS, a Lancashire layman, who has resided for some nineteen years in India, is actively promoting a branch of the Indian Church Aid Association for the diocese of Manchester.

THE BISHOP of Bath and Wells, of which diocese (founded A. D. 905) he was consecrated sixty-ninth Bishop on December 21st, 1869, having been born on August 20th, 1808, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on Tuesday, August 20th.

A YOUNG clergyman who is "coming out," is the Rev. Francis Norman Thicknesse, B. A. He has been elected a member of the London Diocesan Conference for the ensuing term. Mr. Thicknesse is a son of Dr. Thicknesse, Bishop Suffragan of Leicester, and formerly Vicar of Deane, near Bolton, and Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

DR. LIDDON, soon after his appointment at St. Paul's, secured the consent of the Chapter to the use of the choir of St. Paul's for the purpose of private devotion when not open for public service, and now the Dean of Durham, and Mrs. Lake have fitted up at their own expense a chapel in the Cathedral of Durham for the use of those who wish to turn aside for a few minutes for prayer or meditation.

CANON WILBERFORCE preaching at Southampton said in his sermon that the prosecution of the Bishop of Lincoln for points of ritual in his administration of the Holy Eucharist, aimed at the de Catholicising of the Church of England, the degradation and carnalisation into a love-feast of the Holy Eucharist, and unconsciously, the strengthening mightily of the position of the Church of Rome in this country.

WHILE Oxford men have been spending their holidays in the different missions which the University is supporting in the East of London, a number of Cambridge undergraduates have been devoting themselves to the edification of the children who crowd the beaches of watering places. Foremost in this work are the members of Corpus Christi, three of whom are to be seen among the children on the sands at Hastings and St. Leonards.

HERE are two stories of a well-known English prelate, whose name may be guessed. To a man who had been bothering him for promotion till he lost temper he said, "Dear Sir,—

If it were to rain rectories and shower vicarages I should present you—with an umbrella." To another who said, "My lord, when I write you you answer me on miserable scraps of paper." "Very well, sir; next time I reply to you it shall be on foolscap."—*British Weekly*.

THE writer of "Folks and Facts," in the *Banner*, says:—Talking of rural deans, I have a capital story of the recent elevation of a country clergyman to this dignified office, which somewhat obfuscated the decidedly dull intellect of his former churchwardens. Desiring to congratulate him upon his newly-received honour, they determined to write a letter, but were doubtful as to the proper mode of address. Possibly never having heard of the man who, in a similar difficulty, used to prefix 'Rather Reverend,' they determined to commence their epistle with 'Rural Sir.'

BISHOP TUTTLE, of Missouri, accompanied by Archdeacon Miller, visited St. Stephen's mission, St. Louis, on July 1st, and administered confirmation. The ages of the confirmands ranged from seventy-eight to twelve years. All of them a few months ago were literally 'as sheep not having a shepherd,' attending neither Sunday schools nor churches. This was the Bishop's second visit for this purpose since Palm Sunday. When the proposed mission-house is built it is believed the spiritual work will develop in a still larger ratio. The Bishop expressed himself as greatly pleased.

"THE great Evangelical party in the Church," says the *Banner*, "which has emblazoned on its escutcheon the names of Simeon, Bickersteth, Venn, and Martyn, has surely cause to blush for very shame at the announcement that £10,000 of which £7,000 has been actually raised, is to be spent upon the prosecution of the Bishop of Lincoln. Such a fact, in a day, when there is a trumpet-call to all Christian people to unite against the combined forces of infidelity, irreligion, and apathy, is calculated to shock all earnest men, and the Dean of Peterborough has not come forward a moment too soon to separate himself from the leaders of such a deplorable movement."

LONDON empty! exclaims the *Echo*. It scarcely looked like it at St. Paul's last Sunday afternoon, when Canon Liddon delivered the third of his brilliant and scholarly orations upon the *Magnificat*. Every seat within anything like hearing distance was appropriated, and hundreds of people stood during the whole of the service and his lengthy discourse, which lasted sixty five minutes. A large proportion of the congregation were foreigners or Americans, and the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's certainly deserve the thanks of the churchgoers left in London for providing services in August up to the level of any other month in the year. What are the congregations who attend the Chapels Royal or Chapels of the Inns of Court supposed to do for two months when these places of worship are closed?

DR. KYNASTON, the new Canon of Durham, was formerly an assistant master at Eton, and afterwards head master of Cheltenham. The

Crown presented him to his London living a few months ago, on Dean James succeeding him at Cheltenham. He is a well-known Greek scholar. At his installation at Durham white bread and wine were given him, and a book of the statutes by the Dean, who said, "We receive thee as Canon and deliver to thee the form of regular observances contained in this book for thy spiritual food, and the corporal refreshment of bread and wine as a support to thy labours." As the new canon left the cathedral, he gave the bread and wine to the Bishop's bedesmen on duty in the cloisters.

ON the eve of his departure from England the Archbishop of Cyprus addressed a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury expressing his deep obligations and warmest thanks for the kindness his Grace had shown him during his sojourn in London, and for the practical and generous sympathy taken in the object of his mission to England. It would be one of his first duties on reaching Cyprus to acquaint his people with the steps being taken by kind friends in England for their moral and material advancement. The Archbishop also expresses his thanks to the University of Oxford for the honour it had conferred upon him, and to the clergy and laity for the untiring courtesy and hospitality they had extended to himself and the other members of the Cyprus delegation.

THE convention of the diocese of California has decided upon division, and the erection of a new diocese in the southern convocation. The following figures show the present relative strength and the ratio of increase in the past three years in the old and the new diocese:—Communicants in Northern District—1886, 4263; 1888, 5633; increase, 1370. Communicants in Southern District—1886, 795; 1888, 2462; increase, 1667. Total of communicants in present diocese—1886, 5058; 1889, 8095; increase, 3037. In three years 3037 communicants have been added to the diocese as not gain; and the increase has been greatest in the south, not only proportionally, but actually and numerically, the southern gain exceeding the northern by almost 300. In 1886 there were almost five and one-half times as many communicants in the northern convocation as in the southern; but there are now only about two and a quarter times as many.

THE BISHOP of Western Michigan proposes to spend a Sunday annually in each state institution under the influence of the Board of Corrections and Charities, of which he is president, where an invitation is extended. In accordance with this purpose, he lately visited on Sunday Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and preached to a congregation of 700 convicts. He afterwards visited the Sunday School, and in the evening attended a conference of the warders with prisoners, and the chaplains' prayer-meeting. At the Sunday-school there is a voluntary attendance of about 240. These are divided into thirty-five classes, all, except five, being taught by prisoners. There are various agencies in the prison for promoting the moral and spiritual welfare of the prisoners.