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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.

ANOTHER Welsh minister, from the Calvinistic Methodist Connection, is about to be ordained by the Bishop of Llandaff, Wales. This makes about a dozen such secessions within a year.

ON Easter Thursday the large number of 265 children and adults were baptized at St. Paul's, Clerkenwell, by the Rev. A. Styleman Herring, and with eight similar occasions—with an interval of two years—altogether 2025 have received holy baptism.

APART from money given to the orphanages and schools in connection with St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, Eng., the offertories last year amounted to £4,373, a higher sum, perhaps, than the collections, with similar limitations, in any London church.

THE Right Rev. Bishop Barry has consented to preach the sermon at the annual conference of the Church Army, on the morning of May 7th, at St. James' Church, Piccadilly. Several reclaimed tramps and inebriates are announced to be present at the conference.

IN South Dakota there is no corner of the Indian country, where a pretty little mission house or chapel, and a worshiping congregation may not be found. There are forty-six congregations of Indians, and 1,650 communicants. There are nine persons of the Sioux or Dakota race in Holy Orders; and the contributions of these Indians last year amounted to twenty five hundred dollars.

EVERY one who remembers the extremely inconvenient approach to Gloucester Cathedral, through a narrow and shabby, though undoubtedly ancient, thoroughfare, will be interested to know that, failing action on the part of the municipal authorities, a company (limited) has been formed to carry out the widening of the street by securing the freehold on both sides at a cost of £14,000. The improvement has long been wanted, if only for the sake of a proper approach to the beautiful Cathedral.

THE Bishop of Salisbury, Eng., has consented to act as chairman of a committee for carrying out the restoration of the historical church of the Holy Cross at Ramsbury, Wilts. The ancient building is now in a deplorable condition, and unless measures are soon taken to repair it, it will become a ruin. The church stands on the site occupied by what must have been the cathedral or mother church, from 909 to 1066—when the Bishops of Wilts and Dorset were Bishops of Ramsbury. The cost of restoring the church is estimated at about £6,000.

IN the fine old church of St. John the Baptist, Chester Eng., the Duke of Westminster unveiled, and Dr. Jayne, the Bishop, dedicated, a magnificent window, which his Grace has presented to the ancient edifice. It is full of historic subjects, three of which represent King Edgar rowed up the Dee by his tributary Kings (A.D. 972), the Siege of Chester and the Flight

of Charles I., and Prince Edward (afterwards Edward I.), the first Royal Earl of Chester, entering the city. The Duchess of Westminster and many of the clergy and gentry of the city were present at the ceremony.

THE Bishop of Carlisle, England, does not take a gloomy view of the prospects of the Church. He says that when he came to his present diocese, twenty years ago, they were then told that Disestablishment and Disendowment were near at hand. Many believed the tale. But somehow twenty years had gone by and the Church of England was, in most respects, just where she was, and in some respects better than she was. She was doing more work, and she was more deeply rooted in the hearts of her children.

LET the perfect ideal of indissoluble marriage be once definitively rejected by the world, and human society will inevitably fall back to that wallowing in the mire from which the Church rescued it. And in whatever degree you tamper with this ideal and derogate from its strictness, in that degree do you demoralize woman. Yes, the man too; for assuredly he speedily sinks to her level. The moral tone of society, I say, depends upon the chastity of woman. And the chastity of woman depends upon the absolute character of marriage.—*Lilly.*

THERE are now so many Bishops-suffragan that it is difficult to realize that it is just over twenty years ago that the first Bishop suffragan of modern days was consecrated. Yet so it is, and Bishop Parry, of Dover, and Bishop Mackenzie, of Nottingham, both of whom were consecrated in the same year—1870—were the first Bishops suffragan since the days of Henry VIII. Their consecration marked an epoch in the Church's history, and was an outcome of the new life within her. Largely as the movement has developed, it has by no means yet reached the final stage of its expansion.—*Church Bells.*

THE Church has lost one of its veterans in Bishop Callaway, late the Bishop of St. John's Kaffraria, South Africa, whose death has been just announced. His name is a familiar one to most of those who are interested in mission work, as well as to philologists, who owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his South African philological researches. Born in 1818, he went out to Natal as an assistant to Bishop Colenso in 1854, and threw himself with an energy which was peculiarly characteristic of all that he undertook into the study of the Kaffir language, reducing the language to a written form, and translating it into nearly the whole of the Bible and Prayer-book. He was the author, among other works, of a work in Kaffir, which he called Zulu nursery tales, the material of which he gleaned entirely from the natives, and which has been of great value to philologists and students of folk lore. When he became the Bishop of St. John's, Kaffraria, he settled at Umtata, and exerted himself with signal success to spread Christianity and civilization among the natives. He worked too hard, and had an attack of paralysis, from

which he seemed to recover, but slight attacks recurred from time to time, and in 1882 Bishop Bransby Key, an old Augustinian, was consecrated as his coadjutor; and in 1886, when Bishop Callaway resigned, succeeded to the bishopric. The Bishop returned to England to end his days, after having with great liberality dedicated all his property in the diocese to Church and mission purposes. He also, subject to a life interest to himself and Mrs. Callaway, transferred £2000 to the fund for the endowment of the bishopric. He was a true son of the Church, who devoted his life to her service, and who deserves to have his memory fondly and gratefully cherished by all her members.—*Church Bells.*

ARCHDEACON GUNTHER of Sydney, N. S. W., on a recent Sunday in Sydney, in a discourse on "National Prosperity," gave some interesting facts in regard to the history of the Church in New South Wales. The Archdeacon, in speaking of the goodness of God to the historic Church of England, contrasted the founding of the Church in the different Australian colonies with its present position. In Sydney, on Feb. 1st, 1788, the first service was held under the broad spreading trees of the forest primeval. In Van Diemen's Land, in 1804, a tent and a log hut were raised as the first houses of prayer. Only as recently as 1837 the first clergyman settled at Adelaide, having brought with him the framework of his wooden parsonage. In 1838 Bishop Broughton held service at Port Phillip, where the Yarra flowed in uninterrupted silence. In 1844 the residents of Moreton Bay petitioned to have a building licensed for worship. Such was the beginning of Church work in the Australian colonies, soon to become, he devoutly hoped, a great federated nation.

IN these days every contribution in the direction of combating a specious and subtle agnosticism should be welcomed, and we are therefore glad to direct attention to a telling little brochure just published by Canon Courtenay Moore, in which he graphically sets forth the helplessness of agnosticism in the hour of trial. A system that breaks down when most it is needed to comfort and support is manifestly valueless, and from this point of view Agnosticism must be pronounced a cruel fraud. Canon Moore gives several touching instances of this kind, ending with the case of the late Princess Alice of England and Grand Duchess of Hess. It was a sharp trial that broke in upon the agnosticism of that Royal lady and forced her to confess—"The whole edifice of philosophical conclusions which I had built up for myself I found to have no foundation whatever; nothing of it is left, it has crumbled away like dust. What should we be, what would become of us if we had no faith, if we did not believe that there is a God who rules the world and each single one of us? I feel the necessity of prayer!"—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

DR. EDWARD PARRY, Bishop Suffragan of Dover, died at St. Leonards, on Friday morning, April 11. The deceased prelate was the only surviving son of the late Rear-Admiral