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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.

ROMAN Catholic marriages in Scotland in 1894 decreased by 137.

THE Bishop of Wakefield thinks that six or more new Sees are required in England.

THE Rev. A. R. Fitchett, formerly a Wesleyan Methodist preacher, has been appointed Dean of Dunedin, New Zealand.

IN Detroit, Mich., there are 14,000 Church people, only one Protestant body equalling its numbers, viz.: the Presbyterians.

THE Roman Catholic journalists and writers in London, Eng., are organizing themselves as the Guild of SS. Dunstan and Bride.

THE Bishop of Lincoln has given a second donation of £450 to the Emergency Fund of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education.

THE clergy and others are warned against John K. Crouse, formerly a student of theology. He is unworthy of confidence. WM. J. GOLD.—*Living Church.*

FIFTY years as an organist in one church is exceptional. Mrs. T. B. Church, of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, Mich., celebrated her jubilee as organist of that church last month.

THE first Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Ireland has been fully organized in the parish of Ardara, County Donegal, and has made application for a Charter. The Charter members are 16.

A first edition of the copy of the Latin Prayer Book of King Charles II. has been given to the Whittingham Library, Baltimore, by the Rev. S. Southgate, D.D. It was published in Little Britain in 1670.

WHEN one is dull there is always the *Rock* to turn to. It is stated that 600 persons, formerly Presbyterians, have joined the Scottish Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Edinburgh during the past 12 months.—*Scottish Guardian.*

AN unusual number of special Lenten services, with courses of sermons or short addresses, have been arranged by the city clergy of New York to meet the needs of the many sorts and conditions of men and woman.

THE Episcopal City Mission in Boston is the only general missionary organization of the Church there. Its five churches, two sailors' missions, Swedish mission and other branches are conducted by nine clergy, including the superintendent and eleven missionaries.

THE Duke of Bedford has subscribed £100

to the special appeal which is being made by the Dean of Peterborough for £4000 for the repairs to the north and south transepts of the Cathedral and the eastern Chapel, which Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., certifies to be urgently required for the safety of the fabric.

OF the special services in New York during Lent none are more important than the two to be held for the boys of New York on the first two Fridays in Lent. These are intended for office boys, news boys, messenger boys, and factory boys who work for their living within the sound of the bell of old St. Paul's church.

A most successful mission lasting ten days was held last month in St. James' church, New London, Conn. The missionary preached four, five and six times a day, attracting ever increasing congregations. The rector of the parish and the missionary received subsequently thanks, not only from parishioners, but from Congregationalists, Baptists, Roman Catholics and Methodists.

AT the Park Theatre service in Philadelphia on a late Sunday evening an effort was made to ascertain the proportion of the congregation which had been drawn from other services and of those who would not have gone to any service. It was estimated by having those present stand up that out of 2,700 people present about four-fifths would not have gone anywhere else, and were so reached only by the special service.

AT Birmingham the Bishop of London, speaking of the unemployed, said that his knowledge of them—and it was pretty extensive—was that they were quite willing to work, but on this condition, that for every two days' work there should be at least two days' holiday, and that they should not stay more than four days in any one place. In the winter they flock into London and call themselves the "unemployed."

THE Bishop of Peterborough recently consecrated at Kettering a stone church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin. The entire cost is about £7,000, all of which has been defrayed by an anonymous donor. The late Canon Lindsay, rector of Kettering, five years ago received an offer from some one, whose identity has never been revealed, to erect a church in the town at a cost of £5,000. The offer was accepted, and a temporary iron church was at once put up, and this now gives way to the present handsome structure. Though the cost has exceeded the original offer by £2,000, the whole of the money has been paid.

A good ten years' work in the Episcopate is that of Bishop Worthington, of Nebraska. Of the 11 churches in Omaha nine have been built and the land they stand on acquired since his consecration ten years ago. Twenty-four

out of the forty other churches in the diocese have also been built and the land acquired within the same period. In all there have been built 44 churches, 14 rectories, and a Parish House and Parochial School, the value of which cannot be less than \$125,000, of which the Secretary's imperfect record show that not less than \$53,000 was given by the Bishop and his family. The foregoing is only a small portion of the work accomplished.

THE sum total of Peter's Pence received at the Vatican has been for some years steadily declining. Italy gives less than any other Roman Catholic nation: the total amount collected there annually amounts only to a few thousand francs, and counts for little in the Papal budget. France has hitherto given most. Indeed, until lately she gave more than all the other countries of Europe put together. Some years ago the amount received from France was three millions and a half francs; in 1893 it was only one million eight hundred thousand; and during the year just closed it did not amount to one million. It is said that, besides political reasons, the frauds in the exchequer of the Vatican that are constantly coming to light, and its rash speculations by which it lost over 30,000,000 of francs, have cooled the ardour of many of the wealthiest European Roman Catholic families, and account for this enormous diminution. It is said that strong efforts are to be made this year to raise Peter's Pence in England and America.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES—A very remarkable deliverance is made in the first number of a local magazine called the *Coventry Nonconformist*. The writer says: "A comparison is often made between the reverence manifested in the Church of England and that shown in Nonconformist churches. The comparison is not edifying; honestly we must admit that it is to our conspicuous disadvantage. Do you ever see the collection counted on the Communion Table of the Church of England? Nonconformity has been known to do it. Does the Church walk up the aisle with its hat on? Nonconformity frequently does, and the hats Nonconformity wears are not renowned for being picturesque. Does the Church reserve all its gossip until ten minutes before or two minutes after the service? Nonconformity can scarcely wait for the "Amen" of the Benediction. No sooner has the last syllable been pronounced when feet are shuffled, hats are dived for, umbrellas are rattled, curtains are flung back, doors are banged and the whole place becomes a miniature Bédlam. We have often found that 'sweetly solemn hush' at the close of the service in the Church to be one of the most impressive moments of the whole hour of worship. There can be no real worship without reverence. Nonconformity is too fussy. If we are not too strongly possessed with the devil of intolerance we might well learn a lesson from the decency and order and solemn appreciation of time and place which characterise the worship of the Church of England." The passage is a veritable "sign of the times."—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*