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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 reported that the Bishop of St. Alban's is in a prostrate condition, from which recovery is barely hoped.

A PROTESTANT church has just been opened at Tunis. Delegates of the different Reformed Churches of France attended.

CANON SYMONDS, rector of Stockport, England, has just sacrificed £1,000 by refusing to permit the tenant of a public house on his property to apply for a renewal of license.

THE Council of the Church Association have resolved that an appeal be made to the House of Lords against the decision of the Court of Appeal in the St. Paul's reredos case.

BISHOP HOWE, of Central Pennsylvania, has assigned to the Assistant Bishop the active administration of the diocese, and the Standing Committee and Bishop Rulison have been notified in writing.

THE diocese of Milwaukee, at its recent Council, adopted the proposition of proportionate representation, by which parishes will have from one to seven delegates, according to the number of communicants in the parish.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society has, during the eighty-one years of its existence, issued from its London house alone, 29,000,000 of complete Bibles, nearly 32,000,000 of New Testaments, and 11,845,000 portions of the Bible. This makes a total of 72,500,000 books issued from the London headquarters.

ST. THOMAS' Episcopal Church said to be the oldest church for colored people in the United States, is to have a new edifice on Twelfth street, below Walnut, Philadelphia. The lot at Fifth and Adelphi streets, on which the old church was built, cost the congregation \$2,000 and was sold to the Reading Iron Works for \$46,000.

MR. CHRISTOPHER HARROWER, late a Presbyterian minister in Michigan, was confirmed by Bishop Knight in Milwaukee. Bishop Knight has also received applications from three Roman Catholic priests to be received into the communion and ministry of the American Catholic Church. Two of these were accepted, but the other from some cause rejected.

MR. JOSEPH RABINOWICH recently breakfasted with the Committee of the Religious Tract Society, and gave an account of his work among his Jewish countrymen at Kischenei, in Bessarabia. He has accepted Jesus Christ as the Messiah, and now he is seeking to persuade his countrymen to believe in him also. He has already printed large numbers of his sermons, and has now asked the Society to aid him in issuing others. This the Committee have gladly promised to do.

THE dedication of the restored St. Paul's Cathedral and celebration of the quarter century of Bish. Coxe's Episcopate, took place at Buffalo,

N.Y., on Friday. A large number of the clergy of the diocese and visitors were present. Bishop Coxe was consecrated to the diocese of Western New York in 1865. Since his incumbency the value of church property has more than doubled, aggregating at present \$2,353,051. The restored St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is said to be one of the finest in the country. The cost of the restoration exceeded \$100,000.

THE last day of the Old Year witnessed the interment in Westminster Abbey of the remains of Robert Browning. The dead poet will lie side by side with Abraham Cowley, who died in 1667, and whose grave is marked by the frequent slab of Parbeck marble. The spot is just below Chaucer's tomb, and within a few feet of the bones of Spenser.

THE General Secretaryship of the S.P.C.K. is about to be vacated by the Rev. W. H. Grove. The duties of the post, which is worth £500 a year, consists of the general management of the Society, and are quite distinct from those discharged by the Editorial Secretary, the Rev. Edmund McClure, M.A., T.C.D., who was formerly curate of St. George's, Belfast. Mr. Grove will succeed the Rev. Prebendary Stanley Leathes in the vicarage of Cliff Ho.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL.—It is announced that a considerable alteration will be made in the morning service at Gloucester Cathedral, which it is thought at present is too long. "The service will consist of Morning Prayer, litany, and sermon: and, after the singing of a hymn, during which the offertory will be collected, there will be a pause to allow those who may so wish to retire. Immediately upon this the Communion service will be commenced, and on the first Sunday in the month and on Saints' days this service will be full choral."

A LAWSUIT is spoken of as likely to be tried in London ere long, in which the plaintiff is a nephew of the late Pope, and the defendant is no less a personage than Leo XIII, or, to speak by the card, the Curia. Pius, it appears, had accumulated savings to the sum of several millions of lire, which, shortly before his demise, were deposited in an English bank, where they still remain. The nephew now claims them as private property, but the Curia says the money belongs to them, and hence the suit. Perhaps the most curious feature of the case is that the nephew has waited twelve years before preferring his claim.

In the last public utterances of the late Bishop of Durham there occurred another passage which will be much noted now that he has passed away. It refers to the Fourth Gospel, to which, as is well known, his scholarly arguments referred in the discussion on "Supernatural Religion." He said: "I believe from my heart that the truth which this Gospel (St. John) more especially enshrines—the truth that Jesus Christ is the very Word incarnate, the manifestation of the Father to mankind—is the one lesson which, duly apprehended, will do more than all our feeble efforts to purify and elevate human life here by imparting to it hope and light and strength, the one study

which alone can fitly prepare us for a joyful immortality hereafter."

BISHOP LEONARD has issued an excellent and dignified form of license for lay readers. Upon it appear the Bishop's signature and seal, with these words above: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. — is hereby authorised to exercise the office of Lay Reader in — parish, — diocese of Ohio, and may his service be acceptable before God and the people, through the efficient workings of the Holy Ghost. Amen." It is understood that Bishop Leonard expects substantial assistance from his lectors, in supplying services for unoccupied fields and in inaugurating new work throughout the diocese.

DR. LIGHTFOOT, says the *Daily Telegraph*, the late Bishop of Durham, died from overwork. In his address to the Diocesan Conference on October 17, there occurred a touching passage, which is now worth quoting, showing how the learned Prelate anticipated but did not deplore the result: "While I was suffering from overwork, and before I understood the true nature of my complaint, it was the strain, both in London and at home, in connection with this Pan-Anglican gathering which broke me down hopelessly. I did not regret it then, and I do not regret it now. I should not have wished to recall the past, even if my illness had been fatal. For what, after all, is the individual life in the history of the Church? Men may come and men may go—individual lives float down like straws on the surface of the waters till they are lost in the ocean of eternity; but the broad, mighty, rolling stream of the Church itself—the cleansing, purifying, fertilizing tide of the river of God—flows on for ever and ever!"

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE.—The following letter from the pen of a well-known Dublin layman appeared in the daily papers of that place, a short time ago:—SIR,—Your readers will, doubtless, not be surprised to learn that since the issue of Archbishop Walsh's Christmas Pastoral, the Protestant clergy of this city have been subjected to marked contumely and insult from the Dublin rabble whilst engaged in the duties of their sacred profession. Two clergymen of my acquaintance were recently assaulted with a shower of missiles and assailed with the foulest abuse whilst passing through the public streets. I may add that neither my clerical friends nor myself have any connection with the Irish Church Missions or any similar organization, and consequently are perfectly unprejudiced with regard to Archbishop Walsh's denunciation of proselytising. I think, however, Doctor Walsh even will be forced to admit that during the commemoration of the birth of the Prince of Peace a Christian Bishop would be better occupied in teaching his flock the elementary principles of the Christian religion—"Peace and good will toward men"—than, however unwittingly, to inflame their worst passions against their fellow countrymen, and thus to kindle the flames of a religious war in our midst. We Protestants may well ask, if such exhibitions of religious intolerance are possible under the rule of the Imperial Parlia-