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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.

**A GOOD EXAMPLE.**—The late Bishop Young, of Florida, it seems, bequeathed his whole estate, after the death of Mrs. Young, to the Diocese of Florida, upon certain conditions, one of which is that if, or when a Cathedral is established then it shall be devoted to its endowment. We believe the Bishop died possessed of quite a considerable fortune.

**A GOOD YEAR'S WORK.**—Six Churches have been built in the Diocese of Florida during the episcopate of Bishop Weed, less than a year. Florida is growing rapidly in population, and the Church appears to be fully keeping up with it.

**TERRIBLE IF TRUE.**—According to the information given to the *Christian Union* by a large number of Protestant clergymen, not more than five per cent of American artisans in cities habitually attend religious services of any kind. All but two of the letters say that "the attendance is diminishing, and all but one that the neglect is not from unbelief in Christianity."

**FIVE REASONS—NOTE THEM.**—But what is the use of pleading and working for unity, if we are prepared to concede nothing?

1. Because it is *right*. It is the teaching of God's Word—the only possible way to impress the Gospel effectively upon mankind.

2. It is the duty of the Mother to recall her erring children. They may long refuse to answer, but she must never cease to call.

3. By calling attention to the subject we induce men to think, to reason, to inquire how these divisions came about.

4. By adhering to the true Catholic faith and polity, while we strive for unity, we may lead men to see that it is the one—and the only—possible basis of unity.

5. We may be instrumental, though indirectly, in leading the various Protestant bodies to seek unity with *each other*; and, when they come to seek a basis for such union, they will most probably find, however reluctantly, that there is but one possible ground of reunion—that of the true Apostolic Church.

**A SIGN OF THE TIMES.**—A Scotch gentleman has procured the publication of a second edition of 120,000 copies of Isaac Salkinson's Hebrew New Testament, 100,000 copies of which he is arranging to have distributed gratis among Hebrew-reading Jews all over the continent. Two missionaries lately came from England to

make a distribution from Vienna, and they have been sending copies to about 300 Rabbis, many of whom have undertaken to circulate these Scriptures among their co-religionists. Very few have stated that they had any objection to read the New Testament. It is said too that one of the most learned and respected of Hungarian Rabbis, Dr. J. Lichtenstein, who has been thirty-five years Rabbi of Tapio-Szele, has lately startled his co-religionists by two pamphlets, in which he affirms the divinity of Christ. The pamphlets, being very ably written, have been noticed by all the leading newspapers, and have raised much controversy, for Dr. Lichtenstein professes to remain obedient to the Mosaic dispensation while recognizing that Christ was the Messiah.

**NEW DIOCESE.**—Colorado has organized as a diocese, and will ask to be admitted into union at the next General Convention. The new diocese has elected as its Bishop, the earnest, hard working and successful Missionary Bishop who has administered the jurisdiction for over thirteen years. Bishop Spalding has proved himself to be a wise master builder. His foresight and prudent management have brought the affairs of the Church into a prosperous financial condition. A respectable Episcopal Fund has been raised, and will be increased when the Board of Missions withdraws its stipend, upon the admission of the diocese into union, an ample support for the Bishop will be provided.

**A MISSOURI LAYMAN'S GENEROSITY.**—There has been no more handsome or liberal gift in this diocese for many a day than that of a layman of Trinity Church, Kansas City, who has promised to the School of the Good Shepherd (a school for girls, in charge of the Sisterhood of that name), in St. Louis, the means to purchase a much-coveted property—that of the late Capt. Eads. The whole amount of the gift will in the end be about \$45,000. This is indeed a noble gift from one who had just before given to his own parish church building fund \$60,000, which sum, as it is raised and paid back by the parish, goes into the treasury of the American Church Building Fund. This is the largest gift that fund has yet received, and is one of the most munificent, if not the most, that has been made by a Churchman west of the Mississippi. May his example stimulate others to like liberality.

**BISHOP STEVENS' FUNERAL.**—The funeral of Pennsylvania's beloved diocesan, whose peaceful departure on the morning of St. Barnabas' Day was noted last week, took place in the church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, June 15. His remains were vested in his episcopal robes and laid in an oak, wedged-shaped coffin, surmounted by a foliated cross. A silver plate beneath the right arm of the cross bore the following inscription: "The Right Reverend William Bacon Stevens, M. D., D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, entered into rest, June 11, 1887, aged 71 years."

**ANOTHER GIFT.**—Trinity Sunday, there was a beautiful service at the unveiling and dedication of a large and fine chancel window in Cal-

vary Church, Memphis, Tennessee. It was executed by the best London stain-glass artists, and cost, all told, \$2,500, is 18 x 16, and has three lancets; the subjects are the Nativity, the Crucifixion, and the Ascension. The grouping and coloring are exquisite and stand the test of the strongest criticism. It is probably, for its size, as fine a window as can be found in this country. The donor is Mrs. Jacob Thompson, of Calvary church, who came to the chancel rails and delivered her brief donation address in person, after which the window was unveiled—in *Nomine Patris*, etc.—then she knelt and received the blessing which was followed by an appropriate address by the rector, the Rev. Spruille Burford, M. A., concluding with the Divine Office. The window is in memoriam of Col. Jacob Thompson, who entered into rest March 24th, 1885, aged 75 years. He had been the honored senior warden of Calvary parish for many years, and always took a deep and lively interest in its affairs, as well as in those of the diocese.

**SODOR AND MAN.**—Lord Salisbury, according to the *Guardian's* parliamentary correspondent, is likely to appoint the Rev. Alfred Thomas Stowell, son of the Rev. Hugh Stowell (of famous memory), to the Bishopric of Sodor and Man. Mr. Stowell is a *Manxman*, and his appointment would be highly popular in the island, and the great diocese of Manchester has never yet had a man raised out of the ranks of the working clergy to the Episcopal Bench.

**A DUKE'S GIFT.**—The old Archbishop's Palace at Crowdon has just been sold to the Duke of Newcastle, who intimated that he would present it to a sisterhood or some such institution. The purchase includes the old palace itself, with chapel, and a portion of the gardens. The remaining portion of the grounds was sold for upwards of £20,000.

**A RIGHT CONVICTION.**—The vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Stockwellgreen, S.E., expresses his conviction that "the Church ought not to be unused for a single hour on Sunday," and says, "I cannot forget that I am sent to those without, and the Church must close her eyes to no sores, her ears to no criticisms; her intellect to no difficulties, her heart and hand to no son or daughter of man. She has a message of light for all."

**BULLEY CHURCH.**—The ancient Church at Bulley, about five miles west of Gloucester, was re-opened on Monday, June 6, by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. The Church was built by an abbot of St. Peter's, Gloucester, probably soon after the Norman Conquest, and for many years the living has been attached to that of Churcham. Twelve months ago the church was an absolute ruin, and there had been no service held in it for several years. But it has now been restored—practically rebuilt.

**VINDICTIVE STILL.**—The *Liverpool Mercury* is authoritatively informed that Mr. James Hakes, the promoter of the St. Margaret's, Prince's road, Liverpool, ritual case, has given notice of his intention to apply to the Court of Appeal for an extension of time to lodge an ap-