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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 SERIOUS CONUNDRUM.—Who immersed the first Baptist? Did he dip himself?—*Living Church.*

BISHOP SCOTT, of North China, and Mrs. Scott landed at Liverpool from New York on Ascension Day.

THE REV. C. C. TIFFANY, D.D., has been elected Archdeacon of New York, in succession to the late Rev. Dr. Peters.

THE BISHOP OF ST. ANDREWS has, we hear, received an anonymous gift of £1,000 to aid him in the mission work of his diocese.

THERE are now 800 clergy in Australia and Tasmania, and 14 Bishoprics. The first Bishop of Australia (Dr. Broughton) was consecrated on February 15, 1836.

THE RT. REV. DR. HORNBY, Bishop of Nyasaland, has arrived in England. He was seriously ill with fever when he left Africa, but improved much during the voyage.

THE REV. RICHARD PRINGLE, who recently resigned the charge of the Congregational church at Shipley, Yorkshire, has been accepted for ordination by the Bishop of Exeter.

It is rumoured that the Dean of St. Paul's, London, is about to make an appeal for the £100,000 necessary to complete the decoration of the Cathedral as it has been begun.

SOME 1,597 members of the Girl's Friendly Society met in Trinity church, Boston, for their annual service on the evening of May 16th, when the Bishop of the Diocese made an address.

TWO thousand children and teachers, representing the Buffalo Sunday School League of the P.E. Church, met in St. Paul's, in that city, on Sunday afternoon for their first annual celebration.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury says: "There never was a period when there was a larger number of distinguished Churchmen desirous of doing their duty by the Church. The time in which we live is marked by Church extension, and the Church was in her fullest activity where such activity was most needed."

THE senior Bishop of Christendom is said to be Sophronius, Patriarch of Alexandria, the successor after many years of St. Athanasius and St. Cyril. He is 95 years old, and this is the 55th year of his Episcopate.

THE Bishop of Rochester, writing on St. Mark's Day, says that for the greater part of each day he is still a prisoner in bed, and that several weeks must elapse before he can under-

take any work involving serious physical exertion.

THE late Miss Harrison, of Wakefield, has left £500 for beautifying Wakefield Cathedral, £500 for the Bishop of Wakefield's Fund, and £500 each for the Clergy Widows' Fund, the Curates' Aid Society, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

AT a meeting of the Congregational Club at the hotel St. Denis, New York, on the evening of May 21st, the subject under discussion was "The Unification of the American Church." Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Grace church, and others.

AT the jubilee service, Long Island, in St. Luke's church, Brooklyn, N.Y., on the evening of May 16th, members from ten of the vested choirs of the city to the number of 350 choristers were present, together with an orchestra of twenty pieces and a piano, besides the regular organ.

DURING Bishop Littlejohn's Episcopate fifty-five thousand persons have been baptized, 34,000 confirmed, and a total of contributions for all objects made to the magnificent sum of nearly \$13,000,000.

ON May 16th the Rev. J. B. Newton, M.D., was consecrated as assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. The consecrators were: The Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, D.D., Bishop of Virginia; the Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, D.D., and the Right Rev. G. D. Peterkin, D.D. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky.

THE Archbishops and Bishops of the Church in England have issued a circular letter protesting against the proposed disestablishment of the Church of Wales, which, they declare, would endanger the unity of the Church of England. They particularly denounce the disendowment proposals, which, they say, appropriate to secular purposes ancient gifts intended for the service of God.—*Press Telegram.*

THE Churchman's League of the District of Columbia was lately formed in Washington. Its objects are: "To stimulate the efforts of laymen in behalf of the Church; to develop larger and more comprehensive views of the interests and responsibilities of Churchmen; to foster an intelligent study of the doctrines of the Church; to promote sociability among the clergy and laity of the different parishes; and to give voice, when occasion shall require, to the public opinion of Churchmen." The President of the Association is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Melville W. Fuller; and its first vice-President, Associate Justice Gray, of the same Court.

THE three days' jubilee of the Diocese of Long Island, in double celebration of the 25th anni-

versary of the erection of the Diocese and of Bishop Littlejohn's consecration, commenced on May 15th at the Cathedral, Garden city, Long Island, and was a significant and memorable success. Immense congregations assembled; four Bishops from other Dioceses were present, and the rectors of nearly every parish on Long Island. Addresses were presented from the Standing Committees of Long Island and New York; the Church University Board, of Regents; the Incorporators of the Cathedral; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and others. The commemoration has strikingly shown the fealty of the Diocese to its Bishop, the esteem in which he has been universally held, and the marked progress in the various parishes.

A Pastoral Staff was presented to the Bishop of Long Island by the clergy of his Diocese at the celebration of the quarter centennial.

AT the reception on the evening of May 17th, at the Church Club, Long Island, fully 3,000 persons, ladies and gentlemen, were received by Bishop Littlejohn and the members of his family.

IN the Canterbury House of Laymen, Chancellor P. V. Smith lately brought forward a proposal to substitute, in certain circumstances, an informal mission service on Sundays for the ordinary Evensong, but the motion was rejected by 14 to 4. We have no hesitation in saying (says *Church Bells*) that we think the rejection a wise one. Informal services, no doubt, have their uses—their immonse uses—and under certain conditions should be encouraged; but it seems to us that the great principle to remember in employing them is this, that they should supplement, not supplant, the formal service of the Church. Matins, Evensong, and the Holy Communion are the traditional and ordained services of the Church for Sundays; and the order, the decency, the sobriety, the dignity, which characterise them, and which they induce in the minds of serious worshippers, are of the utmost value to the religious well-being of the country. Let them be maintained and guarded at whatever cost. Nor does this vigorous and jealous maintenance in the least interfere with the holding of more "popular" services; there are time and place for these too, as we see nowadays in any number of parishes where wise and hard-working clergy are in charge. No doubt, as things now are, the Church has in some sense to go out to the people and accommodate herself to their understanding and feeling; but it would be fatal to her and to them if she allowed such accommodation to interfere with the established order of her liturgy, one great virtue of which lies in the fact that it does not shift and change with any individual passing fancies and tastes.

BEAUTIFUL it is to understand and know that a Thought did never yet die; that as thou, the originator thereof, has gathered it and created it from the whole Past, so thou wilt transmit it to the whole Future.—*Carlyle.*