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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., 21.  
"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Milwaukee recommends a division of his Diocese.

THE population of the world increases by 200 millions every twenty years.

IT is said that there are fully a hundred former priests in the ranks of the cab-drivers of Paris.

THE Bishop of Milwaukee reported 775 confirmations last year, also 43 candidates for Holy Orders.

THE centennial of the founding of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., was celebrated on June 21st.

BESIDES the 43 candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Milwaukee, there are 44 Lay Readers, 14 Deacons, and 65 Priests.

THE Church Mission House, Tokyo, Japan, was wrecked last month through an earthquake; loss, \$10,000. A Japanese teacher engaged therein was killed.

THE *Tourist's Church Guide* says that the Eastward position is now taken in 5,037 churches in England out of 5,957 reported on, and that Daily Holy Eucharist is observed in 406.

IN a recent Convention address of the Bishop of Michigan mention was made of a pledge of \$500 for three years for missionary work in Oakland, Cal., made by a member of the Church of England.

A plea for more doctrinal teaching in modern sermons is made by the Rev. John H. Molineux in a sermon preached by him, now printed in pamphlet form, entitled "The Importance of Doctrinal Teaching."

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught has just sent a donation of £10 to the Church Army, several instances of selected individuals having been reinstated as respectable members of society having come before his notice.

A pamphlet entitled "The Evidential Value of Miracles," by Bishop Spalding, of Colorado, contains his charge at the last Convention, and is an eloquent defence of the miracles of our Lord, as showing the power of God in Him.

ACCORDING to the report of Bishop Clark, of Rhode Island, the number of communicants in his Diocese has increased during his episcopate from 2,614 to 10,167; 16,307 persons have been confirmed. During last year he confirmed 859 persons.

AT the S.P.C.K. last Monthly General Meet-

ing, money grants amounting to £3,500 were voted, and book grants amounting to £307. The former included £1,000 for the Cathedral at Ballarat, and £1,500 for the High School for Girls at Bombay.

THE edition of the Book of Common Prayer, recommended by John Wesley more than a hundred years ago for use by the Methodist Missions in America, has just been reprinted for use by the present Methodist congregations in the United States.

THE Bishop of Durham, speaking at a gathering of ladies in his Cathedral in connection with the Girls' Friendly Society, said he did not think that the ordinary standard of society, either in dress, living, amusement, or literature, was the standard of the New Testament.

THE Bishop of Albany has issued a pastoral letter entitled "The Service of Preaching and the Preaching of the Service." He is convinced that unless service is the chief thought of the preaching, and preaching is the second thought of the public service, they will both come to their end.

THIS year the Diocese of Gibraltar will have its Diocesan Conference. The Bishopric was established in 1842, but this is the first occasion upon which a Conference has been attempted, although smaller gatherings have been held. The scene is to be the Church House; the dates are July 10 and 11.

NOTWITHSTANDING the financial depression in the Diocese of Milwaukee, every fund showed a credit balance; all debts paid; the amount raised for Diocesan Missions was larger than ever before; and the corps of missionaries in the field considerably larger than hitherto, and a balance remained in the Treasurer's hands.

THE late Lord Coleridge, in his earlier days, attached himself to the High Church School. He was a great friend and admirer of Keble, author of the "Christian Year," and wrote his life in a work which is now out of print. He was a scion of the family that produced the famous poet-philosopher, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and Hartley Coleridge, and inherited much of their literary tastes.

THE late Bishop of Bath and Wells contributed the following words on the subject of "England's Church," to the *Fireside Almanack*, 1893. They will now be read with much interest: "The Church of England has provided a minister of Jesus Christ in every parish to be the friend and adviser of rich and poor at every time of their lives. The Church has also been careful to supply the people with the Holy Scriptures in their own tongue, and the Book of Common Prayer. For deep devotion, for sober but fervent piety, for sound doctrine, for earnest exhortation, for solid comfort, this Book, which is the authoritative voice of our

Church, has no rival. Happy is the man or woman who lives as the Prayer Book teaches."

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a very spirited address to the clergy against the Welsh Church Disestablishment and Disendowment Bill, pointing out how severe will be its effect in crippling the Welsh Church, how fatal are its provisions as against any new organization of that Church after its disestablishment and disendowment, and how much it will cost Wales in rates to replace the Church schools which now exist by the Board schools which the Gladstonians demand.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

EGYPT contains a population of about seven million, of which more than 6,000,000 are Mohammedans. The Copts number not far from 400,000, and the nominal Christians are divided between the Greeks, Syrians, and Roman Catholics. The ruling language of the country is Arabic. Alexandria is a city of 300,000 inhabitants, while Cairo, which approaches to 500,000, is much the largest city in Africa, and, next to Constantinople, is the largest in the Turkish empire. Here is the seat of the chief Mohammedan university, with more than 300 teachers and from 10,000 to 12,000 students, attracted thither from well-nigh every country of the East.

THE National Anti-Gambling League is determined not to let the grass grow under its feet. The demonstration in Exeter Hall lately was a great success, and it may be hoped that good results will flow from it. We are glad to see the National Church taking the lead against a national sin. The speeches of Bishop Barry, and Dr. Perceval were admirable, and more than half of those on the platform were Churchmen. So it is not merely the "Nonconformist Conscience" which is offended, but the Christian Conscience throughout the land. A crusade of this kind is nothing if half-hearted. Boys are rightly punished for playing "pitch and toss," but royal and aristocratic families countenance gambling in its most wholesale form. The secular press cants about the evils of betting, but it publishes the betting lists day by day, and grows rich thereby.—*Family Churchman*, London.

AN important work by Dean Luecock, of Lichfield, will soon be ready for publication by Messrs. Longmans. Its title will be *The History of Marriage, Jewish and Christian, in Relation to Divorce and certain Forbidden Degrees*. Dr. Luecock will seek to show that marriage was originally regarded as indissoluble; that the law of Moses does not, as the Authorized Version indicates, sanction marriage after divorce; and that facilities for this belong to the later perversions. The Dean will trace the historical evidence in order to prove how the Patristic and Conciliar evidence of early times has often been misrepresented, and he will be able to ac-