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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 currently reported that Dr. Liddon has been offered the Bishopric of St. Albans, Eng., and has refused it.

THE Wells Theological College Festival, 22nd and 23rd May, was marked by the opening of the new college buildings by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

THE Bishop of Gibraltar has been on a Confirmation tour in Greece. He preached at Athens, and also at the Piræus. The Bishop also paid a visit to the Greek Archbishop, who warmly thanked him for a gift of books made to the library in Cephalonia.

THE works connected with the railway between Jaffa and Jerusalem have at last commenced. The first sod was cut in the presence of the Governor of Jerusalem, a large number of the principal citizens of Jaffa and Jerusalem attending the ceremony.

THE General Board of Missions of the P. E. Church of the U. S. received from the estate of Miss Charlotte Austin of Cairo, N. Y., \$29,118.42; the Diocese of Albany a like amount for diocesan missions, and \$25,000 from the same estate, in trust, for her parish in Cairo.

GREAT satisfaction has been caused throughout the diocese of Truro, England, by the announcement that the Bishop, acting on the advice of his physicians, will forthwith resume his duties, which he relinquished some months ago on account of the state of his health.

A WELSH paper announces that the Bishop of Llandaff has appointed Mr. J. H. Parry, formerly minister of Trinity Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, Aberdare, and son of Dr. Griffith Parry, ex-Moderator of the Calvinistic Methodist Synod, lady reader in the parish of Aberdare.

SCOTLAND.—The Bishops of St. Andrew's, Dunkeld, and Dunblane, lately held a Confirmation at Perth Cathedral. There were eighty-four candidates altogether presented, of these seventy-six came from the Cathedral congregation, four from that of Alyth, three from that of Taymouth, and one from that of Doune.

WE rejoice to know that the Bishopric of St. Albans, Eng., has been offered to Dr. Liddon, and regret that he has refused it. Whilst the action of the Prime Minister in this case gives good cause for satisfaction, we cannot but feel that there yet remain grounds for the gravest reproach against the advisers of the Crown in wilfully and persistently, year after year, passing over the greatest living Churchman when a Bishopric has fallen vacant.—*Family Churchman, London.*

SLAVERY IN EAST AFRICA.—A Renter's despatch from Mombasa states that, with the general approval of the public, Mr. Mackenz issued an important proclamation, which was endorsed by the Native Governor and the Elders, to the effect that in future no natives

belonging to the numerous tribes having treaties with the British East Africa Company, and living near that portion of the coast under British influence, or for a distance extending several hundred miles into the interior, can be recognized as a slave, and every slave will obtain freedom without any compensation being paid to his master.

ACCORDING to the will of the late Senator B. St. John, which was probated at Newburg, U. S., April 10th, St. Luke's Home and Hospital, Newburg, receives \$10,000; the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, New York, \$5,000; Trustees of Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy of the diocese, \$5,000; rector and vestrymen of St. John's church, Monticello, \$5,000; and Archdeaconry of Orange, \$5,000.

THE Rev. F. E. Wigram, of the Church Missionary Society, appealed on May 5th for volunteers to sail for East Africa on the following Friday to join Bishop Tucker's party for Uganda at Mombasa. In answer to this appeal nine offers of service were received within thirty-six hours, of which four were accepted, viz., those of Mr. J. W. Hill, B. A., Ridley Hall, Cambridge, Mr. J. V. Dermott, and Mr. J. W. Dunn, of the Church Missionary College, Islington, and Mr. F. C. Smith, a young Evangelist of Clapham.

ASCENSION DAY appears to be now observed in London with almost as much reverence as Good Friday, allowance being made for the fact that it is not a legal holiday. The early celebrations of Holy Communion, which are now universal in the West-end, were very numerous attended on Thursday, and in some churches there were large congregations at mid-day. The choral evensong at eight, which is also now very general, seems to have become increasingly popular, and not least among the working classes.—*Family Churchman, London.*

In a book that has lately appeared, "Reminiscences of a Literary and Clerical Life," there occurs the following amusing story of a parson who was asked by a discontented couple to "unmarry them." After a pause of apparent reflection, he thought he could help them. "You must come this time to the belfry, not to the altar." In the belfry he bade each stand on a trestle, and tie a rope round his and her neck. This done he went on: "Now jump off." "Lor, sir," said one, "we should be hanging ourselves." "Exactly," said the parson; "that is the only way I know."

THE *St James' Gazette* is responsible for the following note:—*Sacerdotalism, I fear, is spreading.* The phrase is taken from an address delivered the other day by the president of the Baptist Union. If we may be excused for interpreting the words of the preacher, we believe that he meant to warn his audience that Dissent is gradually and surely losing its hold upon the country, and that the position which it is vacating is being occupied by the Church of England. The fact was already well known by all who have had eyes to see the renewed vigor and increasing influence of the clergy. It might have been conjectured

also from the suspicious unwillingness of the Dissenting preachers and politicians to have their adherents numbered in next year's census.

ON May 17 the Rev. Canon Heywood, Vicar of Swinton, near Manchester, Eng., accompanied, by his curate and church officers, walked the boundaries of his parish. The ceremony, which is the first of its kind since Canon Heywood was inducted to the vicarage in 1864, occupied fully three and a-half hours, and in "beating" the boundaries a distance of not less than eleven miles was traversed. In order that his successors may know the exact boundaries of the parish, Canon Heywood has caused twenty-six headstones to be fixed in various places, and these were all visited. The first of these stones was laid on March 14. The Vicar hopes that this revival of an old custom will be performed every year.

THE two great missionary societies—the S. P. G. and the C. M. S.—have just held their annual meetings in London (England.) The S. P. G. kept its 189th anniversary on Thursday, 8th May, when the chair was temporarily occupied by the Earl of Belmore until the Archbishop of Canterbury arrived. Amongst those on the platform were the Bishops of Ripon, Guildford, Reading and Antigua, the Bishops of Central Africa and Corea, Bishops Marsden, French, and Perry, and the Dean of Windsor. The report, which was read by Prebendary Tucker, declared the gross income of the society for 1889 to have been £125,038. The number of ordained missionaries, including ten Bishops, on the present list is 646; that is to say, in Asia, 205; in Africa, 147; in Australia and the Pacific, 14; in North America, 210; in the West Indies, 35; and 35 in Europe. Of these 121 are natives laboring in Asia, and 25 in Africa. There are also in the various Missions about 2,300 lay teachers, 2,650 students in the society's colleges, and 38,000 children in the Mission schools in Asia and Africa. The speech of the day was that of Bishop Smythies, who set forth in powerful language the spiritual needs of the Black Continent. The meeting of the sister society was likewise a most interesting one. Exeter Hall overflowed into a lesser hall, which in its turn was filled. The chair was taken by the President, Sir John H. Kennaway, Bart., M. P. The Bishops of Rochester, Ripon, Exeter, Darham, Bedford, Antigua, Mauritius, Travancore and Cochin, and Corea, and Bishop Valpy French were among those present. The net receipts for the year 1889 were declared to be £260,202.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

A CONVERTED ATHEIST'S TESTIMONY.

Mhegard, professor of philosophy in the university of Copenhagen, has until recently been the apostle of atheism in his country. He has, says the *Semour Vaudois* just published a second edition of one of his works, and this is what he says in the introduction:

"The experience of life, its sufferings and griefs, have shaken my soul, and have broken the foundation upon which I formerly thought I could build. Fall of faith in the sufficiency