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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.

ON Dec. 22nd, ult., the Bishop of Northern Texas laid the corner stone of his new Cathedral at Dallas.

THE increase of Communicants in Northern Michigan during the past year has been at the rate of 42 per cent.

Mrs. Rosa Blanche Woodyear, of Baltimore, has given \$2,500 to complete the Episcopal church at Curtis Bay.

THE Oxford University term closed with a meeting of Convocation at which the degree of D.D., *honoris causa*, was conferred on Father Hall, Bishop-elect of Vermont.

THE *Central Glamorgan Gazette* announces that Miss Talbot, of Margam, has decided to build a church for Taibach, a village near her Welsh home, at a cost of about £10,000.

THE sad news was lately received of the death of Miss Sarah Ethel Swaby, eldest daughter of the Bishop of Guiana, who was lately Vicar of St. Mark's, Sunderland. Miss Swaby died on her way to Guiana, and was buried at sea.

THE Bishop of Albany, Dr. Doane, in view of the pressing need of money this winter for the relief of the poor and unemployed, has declined the proffer of a banquet in his honor on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration.

BESIDES the two Archbishops, twenty-two English and three Welsh Bishops, together with the Archbishops of Rupert's Land and Ontario, have lately become Vice-Presidents of the Church Lads' Brigade, the 250th company of which has just been enrolled.

THE death of the Rt. Rev. Walter Chambers, D.D., (who was sometime Bishop of Labuan, Sarawall and the Straits Settlements), in his 70th year, is announced. He has been more or less an invalid since 1881, when, through overwork and the trying climate of Borneo, his health broke down. He was one of the first S.P.G. missionaries to Borneo.

THE Rev. G. H. St. Patrick Garrett, B.D., T.C.D., incumbent of St. Paul's, Prince's Park, Liverpool, formerly vicar of Widnes, has been asked by the Committee of the C.M.S. to allow his name to be submitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury as one of the new Bishops in Japan. Mr. Garrett was curate of Christ Church, Leeson Park, for seven years.

Two thousand Nonconformists in Hull recently passed a resolution at a public meeting, congratulating Lord Salisbury upon the action taken by the House of Lords in rejecting the

Home Rule Scheme. "I am very much gratified to know," was Lord Salisbury's reply to the resolution, "that the Nonconformists of Hull perceive the serious danger with which Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill would threaten our friends in Ireland, to whom we are bound by so many ties."

THE Bishop of Iowa (Rt. Rev. Dr. Perry) says that during his Episcopate of 18 years there have been received into the Church in Iowa from the Roman obedience over seven hundred adults who have exchanged, intelligently and with a full knowledge of what they were doing, a false Catholicity for a true. In the same time, the Bishop adds, we have lost to Rome, so far as I can learn, less than half a dozen individuals.

THE Bishop of London held an admission service in Fulham Palace chapel last month, when he admitted to the unpaid office of Diocesan reader Mr. A. P. Laurence for St. Dunstan's parish, East Acton, Mr. A. Tarring for St. Thomas's, Finsbury Park, and Commander W. Dawson, R.N., of the Missions to Seamen for the dioceses at large, to conduct services and give religious addresses in parish rooms, "and also such extra services in consecrated buildings as the incumbent may wish, and as the Bishop may approve." There are now 26 unpaid Diocesan readers, and about 159 voluntary parochial readers in the Diocese of London; the latter are not authorized to give addresses in consecrated churches.

## THE COMING APOSTASY.

A crisis is rapidly approaching. We are upon the threshold, as it seems to us, of the greatest apostasy from Christ the world has yet witnessed. It behoves us to understand the issue, and to count the cost.

If there is one belief in the Christian Church which has been held without question everywhere and by all, it is that the Author of the Holy Scriptures is the Holy Ghost. If there is one belief which the reformers in the English Church, whether their preference was for Catholic or Protestant theology, held in common, it was that from the Holy Scriptures properly interpreted there could be no appeal. If there is one doctrinal basis which the Episcopal Church endeavored to embody in its Prayer Book and Articles, it is that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments are the infallible and undecipherable Word of God.

No one can say that the Church has not stood up for these things. Moreover, there is not a scrap of evidence that the Episcopal Church (in the United States) has ever abandoned her position. Her Articles are the same, her Ordinal in the same, the doctrinal expressions of her Prayer Book are the same as were ratified and established by the General Convention. Again, the wording of the formu-

laries of the Church is plain, but the meaning of these formularies is still plainer, for when they were framed all were agreed that the Holy Scriptures were the very oracles of God. There is no loophole of escape between the words of the Church and the thought she intended to express.

Now a brand-new school has arisen of late years, which absolutely rejects Holy Scripture as the Church has received it. This school has no traditional place in the Church; yet the men of the school, regardless of honesty, continue to subscribe to formularies they reject. They will retain their offices until such time as they shall have sufficient weight to turn the scale in the councils of the Church. Then they will let down the bars for those tender consciences whose honor prevents their present subscription; and the Episcopal Church, released from its thralldom, will become "the Church of the future."

Last month we gave our readers a glimpse of the *Ethics of Doctrinal Subscription* taught by this school. The recent Church Congress has even more glaringly brought out the facts. We would say a word now upon the broad churchman's contention that the thinking man is compelled by intellectual necessity to give up the belief that the Bible is infallible.

We once heard a child who expressed his firm opinion that the world was not round, as his first Geography told him; because if it were, men would tumble off the other side. The argument satisfied him; it would probably satisfy other children as well, and not long ago it satisfied grown folks. If the child had his way, no doubt he would have chosen a more accurate text book. But he protested in vain. He must use this book and no other, and must learn his lessons or suffer the consequence.

Now the child with his primer is the man with his Bible. Compressed into two short chapters of Genesis, man finds an account of the act of creation, which, if written in detail, would fill all space with its bulk. Can not God select from the book of creation if He will? Does He not know what extracts are most needed by man? Can we not study nature without telling the God of nature that His analysis is false? The child's *First Geography* was an outline sketch, by no means complete, adapted to the present state of his mind. The child found fault with his text book because its author thought well to omit an elementary discussion of the laws of gravitation. We smile at the folly of the child, but we bow to the wisdom of the *great thinker* who can dispense with God's text book. The child may become a man, and may then revise the very primer he studied; would it not be more modest for man to wait until he becomes a god before he revises God's Bible?

When the Creator gave mind to man, He gave him an intelligence, though infinitely above that of the brute still infinitely beneath that of God. To speak mathematically, the mind of man and the mind of God are magnitudes of different orders. Multiply man's mind by infinity, in other words, give him the power to observe all things, in the heaven above, in the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth; give him the power to acquire and retain all knowledge, that was, and is, and is to be; in other words, give him omniscience, and