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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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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

THE new Bishop of Sydney will, it is stated, probably be consecrated together with the Bishop of Travancore on All Saints' Day.

THE Minnesota Missionary reports that of 610 confirmations recorded in that diocese, 282 were of people whose antecedents were outside the church.

TRINITY Church, N. Y. city, has not been closed, it is said, a single day in twenty years, not even during the memorable blizzard; a record in which it may well have some pride.

DURING Bishop Peterkin's Episcopate in West Virginia, the 1,100 communicants have increased to 2,800; our 875 Sunday School scholars to 2,800, the 19 churches and chapels to 52, and 10 rectors to 20.

BISHOP BOONE has appointed October 28, the feast of SS. Simon and Jude, as the date for the consecration of the new Church of the Nativity, Wuchang, China. The building is rapidly approaching completion.

THE British Museum has bought for £1,850 the splendid Prayer-book which belonged to the late Ludwig II., of Bavaria, and which is adorned with copies of the decorations of the famous so-called "great Church treasure."

THE Romanists expect to draw from the government of the United States the coming year for Indian schools \$431,545 for the present year. Whatever else may be said of religious politics, it would seem to pay.

CINCINNATI is the City of Churches, the number relative to the population being considered, and Brooklyn is relegated to the fifth place. Philadelphia has the largest number of churches 593, and New York follows with 489.

THE clergy of the Chester diocese are contributing the necessary subscriptions for presenting Dr. Jayne, their new bishop, with a pastoral staff which is to cost £200. It is hoped to present the staff at or before the Diocesan Conference in October next.

It is a curious fact, when their boasting is remembered, that the Romanists in England have been decreasing steadily in numbers for two score years. Their own papers admit that the revival of the Church of England destroyed the hope of bringing the country under papal rule.

PERHAPS the oldest prelate living is the Greek Patriarch Sophronius, of Alexandria, who has just celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday and the seventieth anniversary of his entry into sacred orders. Notwithstanding his great age, he continues to perform all his duties with punctuality and regularity.

THREE Franciscan brothers at Kingston, N. Y., teach a branch of the public schools, and upon it last year more than \$3,000 of the public money was expended. A proposition to

build a school-house large enough to accommodate all the children in the district was voted down by the Roman Catholics.

FINAL arrangements have been made for the Church Congress at Cardiff, to be held on the first four days of October. The special services will be held at St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. Andrew's Churches, Cardiff; the preachers being respectively the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Derry, and the Bishop of Lichfield.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph's pastoral staff, which is now being constructed, will be six feet in height. The ladies of the diocese have contributed over fifty precious stones for the staff. There are to be six canopied silver niches, each containing a Welsh saint connected with the diocese. One lady offers a silver figure of St. Deiniol.

A Presbyterian paper says, "If the revision agitation continues and each Church now holding the Confession of Faith revises independently, the prospect for a large crop of new sects will be bright indeed. . . . According to Dr. Kerr's history there are already about twenty Presbyterian bodies adhering to the same symbols. If each divides into fragments in the course of revision there may be forty or fifty before the century closes."

The Record says, that on petition of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, who provide the stipend, the Rev. C. J. Corfe, Chaplain of Her Majesty's Dockyard, Portsmouth, has been selected by the Primate as first Bishop of Corea. Mr. Corfe is a High Churchman with Broad sympathies very popular in the Army, and a pronounced advocate of Temperance.

THE new window recently placed in the south aisle of St. Paul's Cathedral, is called the Thanksgiving window, and has been almost as many years in preparation as were the Munich windows which have been removed lately from behind the reredos to the south-east corner of the choir. This new window was originally planned at the time of the Prince of Wales' thanksgiving, and is a striking contrast of English with Munich work. Visitors are profoundly impressed with the rich colouring of the top lights.

The Christian Inquirer, a Baptist paper, speaking of the missions, of the P. E. Church, of the U. S. in New York says:—

"Is the wonderful growth of that denomination in our city any wonder? In most places the Episcopalians develop certain well known forms of religious life, leaving all other directions to be exploited by other sects. Here they make themselves felt in every direction. Their purpose of absorbing other Protestant denominations looks ridiculous enough, but if we don't look out they will do it in this city before we know it."

THE General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America will meet in New York, on Wednes-

day, October 2nd 1889. The Bishops and deputies composing the Convention will assemble for divine service in St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, East Sixteenth street, at 11 a. m. The House of Deputies will meet in the same Church, at 3 30 o'clock p. m., for permanent organization. A special deputation from the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada has been appointed to attend this Convention.

"The Roman Catholics make it no secret that they are determined to conquer Palestine." Such is the statement the Rev. J. Zeller makes in the *C. M. Intelligencer*. Writing with respect to the reinforcements sent to Palestine, and contrasting the insignificance of these accessions when compared with those of the Romanists, he says:—"Almost every year we have caravans of more than 500 French people, mostly priests and nuns, coming to Jerusalem, and marching into the town with a flag bearing the motto of the crusaders of old, 'Dieu le veut.'"

THERE will be a goodly number of missionaries going forth this autumn. As far as we can see at present (says the *C. M. Intelligencer*), there will be about forty (including wives) returning to the Mission field, and about fifty going out for the first time. The latter figure includes about twenty-five clergymen and fourteen or fifteen single ladies. Never before has the Society sent forth such a reinforcement at one time. Let us praise God for it; and let us ask Him, since He has given the labourers, to give the necessary means for their maintenance. The silver and the gold are His, and He can supply all our need. The lady missionaries are for the most part either wholly or partly honorary.

A ridiculous story has been started to the effect that the Empress Frederick has gone over to the Church of Rome, and that she will be followed by Princess Beatrice. But the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says that both those Princesses are essentially broad in their religious views. Both are well read, are acquainted with scientific facts, and are exceedingly unlikely to move in the direction suggested. Princess Beatrice, moreover, unlike her sister, has suffered no trouble calculated to unsettle her convictions. It is noticeable, however, that during the autumn conversions to Romanism are not infrequently announced. Last year the name of the Princess Christian was most unwarrantably mentioned in this connection.

At St. Paul's Cathedral on a late Sunday afternoon, Canon Scott Holland, who has just gone into residence, began his sermon with the following allusion to the dockers' strike:—"I would ask you," he said, "to remember, each alone in your prayers to-day, that great conflict in which the lives of the poor of London are so deeply concerned—just praying that I may be kept free from prejudice and passion, and may be guided to a wise and peaceful settlement, consonant with justice and tempered with our common humanity." In speaking of "that religious scarecrow the Pharisee, at whom