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"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.

THE Bishop of Liverpool will return to his diocese about the middle of October.

THE Rev. T. Lucius Morgan, formerly minister of the English Presbyterian Church at Beaumaris, has been presented to the rectory of Lydham, Salop.

THE latest intelligence from Australia in reference to the health of Bishop Selwyn, of Melanesia, although more hopeful, declares that the Bishop is still seriously ill.

THE eloquent Bishop of Derry, Dr. Alexander, has accepted the invitation of the trustees of Columbia College to deliver a series of lectures on "The Evidences of Christianity," in New York, next Lent.

THE Archbishop of York has appointed the Right Rev. Bishop Blunt to be Bishop Suffragan of Hull, in the Diocese of York; and has also confirmed the commission granted by the late Archbishop Thomson to the Bishop of Beverley.

At the Church of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, England, which is famed for its exquisite oak carving and its organ, a course of morning and evening Sunday lectures is announced to be given by clerical members of the staff of the Church Army.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is said to be deeply convinced of the utility and practicability of an immense extension of the episcopal order, and the reasonable probability that suffragan bishoprics will eventually settle down upon a permanent territorial footing.

THE Bishop of Salisbury lately made a walking tour through the Dorsetshire part of his diocese. He was accompanied by a number of boys from the Bishop's School, to whom his Lordship opened his vast store of information upon the natural beauties and antiquities of the places visited.

THE sixth annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in St. Louis, Mo., October 22, 23, 24, 25, 1891. The preliminary arrangements are progressing rapidly. The business meetings and conferences will be held in the Exposition Hall. The public services will be held in different churches throughout the city.

THE Rev. Canon Newbolt conducted a party of about sixty men of the artisan class, members of the Holborn Saturday League, over St. Paul's Cathedral lately, and spent a considerable amount of time in describing the various monuments and ornaments to the visitors. Among other items of information it was mentioned that the original cost of building was 1,500,000*l.*

THE Bishop of Ripon says in the *New Review* that the modern development of preaching appears to have a large admixture of the flavor of advertisement, and suggests the desperation which clutches at a cheap and shallow success

(in a bad sense,) a popular service, instead of the calm earnestness which seeks to benefit the people and the Church of God.

CARDINAL MANNING says of bazaars and other such popular methods of raising money for religious purposes, that he is dead against them and has always been against them. 'It seems to me,' he writes, 'that our Lord's work ought to be done in our Lord's way, that is, for His sake, and with the purest motive. Anything of self or of the world mixing in so far destroys the purity of motive, and, as St. Paul says of charity, may reduce it to nothing.'

It is estimated by Dr. Charles A. Briggs that by denominational consolidation in English speaking lands, nearly 100,000 ministers of the Gospel would be released from their present duty, and rendered available for the evangelization of heathen people, and that nearly \$100,000,000 would be set free for their support. Christianity is to-day offered to the Japanese, through the agency of twenty-three different Church organizations or denominations.

THE *Church Eclectic* says: As to Dr. Rainsford's Tract on the *Future of Church Unity*, we are content to endorse the *Churchman's* severe but just review, in which occur these words:

Does Dr. Rainsford see nothing reprehensible in morals, and nothing offensive to good taste, in applying the exultant language of the prize ring to describe a great and undeserved misfortune of the Church? If every word he says were as true as nine-tenths of them are sheer perversions of the truth, the publication of them in such language, and in such a spirit would be little to the credit of a clergyman whom the American Church has received and treated with boundless hospitality.

THE Queen is "the supreme Governor" of all bodies who hold property, and to her, through the proper courts, any aggrieved members of those bodies must appeal. The only difference between the Church and the sects in this respect is that the Church has separate and special Ecclesiastical Courts. It is very much to the point to observe that the Wesleyans, having just taken counsel's opinion on the subject, find that they cannot alter their three-year tenure of the ministers without appealing to the High Court of Parliament, including of course the Royal assent. The taunt about the Queen being head of the Church is frequently used by Dissenting ministers, and it is by no means always that they are, as in the present instance, brought to book.

'COMING events cast their shadows before them,' remarks *The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, "and it has already leaked out that the Privy Council judgment on the Lincoln suit will be found to be unanimous, and will uphold the Primate's judgment on every point appealed against, saving only the question of the two lighted candles at celebrations, which will remain an open one, the judgment being in favor of the Bishop so far as pointing out that his Lordship could only have interfered by bringing the case into his own court. Thus once more the members of the Church Association will find themselves

defeated, and they will have few to pity them. We all know who the representative Churchmen are who are urging on these suits; they are men who divide their sympathies equally between the Church of England and those who wish her no good.

MR. GLADSTONE, in his great speech at the Colonial Bishops meeting on June 19th, at St. James' Hall, incidentally made some remarks which cover the whole principle for which the Bishop of Lincoln contends. He characterized it as "an historical, a legal, and a philosophical curiosity" that any one should have treated the Privy Council as a binding authority in questions of faith and doctrine, or discipline relating to faith and doctrine. To say that was, he declared, equivalent to saying that 'the Apostles' and Nicene Creed are very imperfect, and there ought to be added to them a separate article to say that all men, to be good Christians, must be bound, at any rate in the Church of England, to accept whatever senses may be affixed to either of these creeds by the civil tribunals of the country."

A RETURN of the revenues of the Church in England has just been published, and it shows a gross income of 5,753,537*l.*, of which nearly five and a half millions are derived from ancient endowments, and something under 300,000*l.* a year from private benefactions since 1733. During the last sixty years the number of benefices has increased by 3,200, and the income of the new livings is nearly 1,000,000*l.* The five and three quarter millions represent the gross income of the Church, and take no account of rates, taxes, payments to Queen Anne's Bounty, dilapidations, stipends of curates, voluntary contributions to Church schools, and the hundred and one other ways which have been devised for ridding the clergy of their cash. It would be a moderate estimate to say that 20 per cent. of this money goes away in payments which cannot be resisted. This leaves four millions and a half, which, divided amongst the 23,000 clergy of the Church of England, gives an average income of not quite 200*l.* a year apiece.

BISHOP WILKINSON, who has for five years acted as proctor of the Bishop of London for British chaplaincies of North and Central Europe, appeals for aid in raising an endowment fund for what may be called his 'diocese.' The territory in which he ministers episcopally to British tourists and British residents is eight times the size of Great Britain. It includes ten nations, and extends from the 'land of the midnight sun' to the Pyrenees, and from Calais to Siberia. The Bishop says, in a letter to the *Times*, that last year he travelled and worked through 13,000 miles to look after these Continental Britons, and when he comes to England, instead of being able to rest, he has to move up and down trying to interest Churchfolk in his work and to add to the endowment fund, for which he has managed in five years to collect about £5,000 without aid from any society. The travelling Americans, who almost everywhere on the continent use the British churches, yet contribute little to this fund, doubtless because they know little of its need. The Bishop