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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.  
"Mostly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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### ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Down and Connor has just become one of the patrons of the Church Army.

THE late Rev. Henry Drought Steppard, D.D., M.D., has left about £7,000 (with a temporary charge upon it) to the Representative Body for the Church of Ireland.

THE sum of \$12,000 has been given by the Hon. Frances Butler for the erection of a new Church in Bradford, Eng. The land required has also been given.

A CHOIR of women wearing cassocks, surplices, and mortar-board caps has been introduced at St. James' Church, Marylebone. The singing is said to be extremely good.

WELL RULED.—The Bishop of Lichfield has intimated that every curate whom he ordains deacon will be expected to remain two years at the least in his first curacy.

THE Rome correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* describes the feeling of "decided satisfaction" which prevails at the Vatican in connection with Mr. GLADSTONE'S accession to power.

THE Rev. J. B. le Gassick, M.A., minister of the Congregational Chapel, Kirkby-Moorside, Yorkshire, has resigned his charge, and is about to take orders in the Church of England.

FOUR niches in the canopy of the new Bishop's throne in Peterborough Cathedral have been filled with figures of Archbishop Magee, Bishop Kennett, Bishop Cumberland, and Bishop Dove.

THE Visitor of St. David's College, Lampeter (the Bishop of St. David's), has appointed the Dean of St. Asaph to be Principal of the College in succession to the Ven. Charles Gresford Edmondson, who has resigned the office.

IN memory of the late Mr. Christopher Rice Talbot, for many years "Father of the House of Commons," his daughter, Miss Talbot, has had the Parish Church of Oxwich, Glamorganshire, completely restored. It was re-opened last Sunday.

THE parishioners of All Saints', South Acton, England, presented an Episcopal ring, a Pectoral Cross, a Pastoral Staff, a set of Bishop's robes, and a D.D. Cambridge hood, to the Rev. A. H. Dunn, M.A., who, from 1871 until his recent appointment to the Bishopric of Quebec, laboured as their vicar. Mrs. Dunn, was also the recipient of a handsome gold bracelet.

THE funeral of the Rev. Canon Jackson, vicar of St. James' Church, Leeds, was witnessed by many thousands of deeply-interested people, who had known and loved him as a pastor and a friend. There were 200 clergymen present, including the Bishop and the Dean of Ripon.

THE Bishop of Carlisle states that since Bishop Waldegrave founded in 1862 the Carlisle Diocesan Church Extension Society, £420,000 has been raised and spent in that diocese in the erection of churches, parsonages and mission rooms and in maintaining and sustaining inadequately endowed benefices.

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THE "golden offering" which the Bishop of Adelaide invited for the benefit of his cathedral fund, has been attended with a marked success, notwithstanding that the times are somewhat hard. He proposed that on St. PETER'S Day and within its octave, such offerings should be made at the several services. The result has been the ingathering of the respectable sum of £1000.

ACCORDING to the report of the Census Commissioners just published, Roman Catholics in Ireland decreased from 3,960,891 in 1881 to 3,547,307 in 1891, or 10.4 per cent. Protestant Episcopalians decreased from 639,574 in 1881 to 600,103 in 1891, or 6.2 per cent. Presbyterians decreased 5.5 per cent., their numbers being 444,974 in 1891, as against 470,734 in 1881. Methodists showed an increase from 48,839 in 1881 to 55,500 in 1891, or 13.6 per cent. All other persuasions increased from 54,798 in 1881 to 56,866 in 1891, being an increase of 3.8 per cent.

ANOTHER SECT.—One of the strangest modern developments of religious enthusiasm upon wrong lines will soon (says a correspondent) be illustrated by the building in London of a handsome Church for the Princeites or Brethren of the Agapemone. The extraordinary sect of which Mr. Prince is the head began half-a-century

ago; but it has been largely forgotten by the world. But its new members include some well-to-do persons, and the result of their accession is the decision to build a Church in London.

BATH AND WELLS.—It is reported that the Bishop of Bath and Wells will resign his See. He completed his eighty-fourth year a short time ago, and is becoming very infirm.

A contemporary notes that the Bishop of Bath and Wells seldom fails to officiate at the Cathedral service, notwithstanding his advanced age. Three former Bishops, Bagot, Laud, and Lord Auckland, died at over eighty, and the late Canon Beaden preached his last sermon there at the age of 102.

A GIFT INDEED.—The handsome and costly memorial Church at Dane Hill, Sussex, erected to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. H. C. Hardy (who was a nephew of Viscount Cranbrook), by Mrs. Hardy, his widow, and children, of Danehurst, was consecrated recently by the Bishop of Chichester, and is fast approaching completion. The memorial has cost about £12,000, the fabric of the building being given to the parishioners by Mrs. Hardy, the fittings and stained-glass windows being gifts of the parishioners, the tenants of the estate, *employes* of the Lowmoor Iron Company, and of relatives and friends of Mr. Hardy.

THE more combative of Evangelical Churchmen have been awaiting with expectant interest Lord Grimthorpe's observations on the decision of the Privy Council in the Bishop of Lincoln's case. The learned Vicar-General metaphorically tore to shreds the Archbishop of Canterbury's judgment in the same case, describing it as "a unique manifesto from Lambeth." Now that the Privy Council have practically endorsed it, however, Lord Grimthorpe has nothing more severe to say than that it leaves the law affecting the ritual of the Church in a condition of unsettlement. He condemns the Church Association for initiating the prosecution, but approves of the appeal to the Judicial Committee. —*Family Churchman.*

AN interesting effort is being made by the Church in a very poor parish near the "Angel," Islington. Every Sunday evening at six o'clock one of the assistant priests of St. Silas', Penton-street, proceeds with a large choir of men and boys, attired in surplices and cassocks, and headed by a processional cross, down Chapel-street, the costers' market of Islington, and there holds an open-air service, consisting of an opening hymn, prayers and an address. This service is attended by the poor people of this rough dis-