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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.

ON May 4th Bishop Laurence, of Massachusetts, deposed from the Ministry Axel Z. Fryxell.

BISHOP DUDLEY has accepted the offer of Christ church, Louisville, Ky., as the Cathedral of his Diocese.

BISHOP SMYTHIES, of Central Africa, a great and successful missionary, has lately died from typhoid fever.

ON May 25th the united festival of the ten Dioceses of the Church in South Africa was to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

As the result of a meeting recently held in Hamilton, Bermuda, Trinity church, Pembroke, will become the Cathedral of that island.

IN New Jersey there are 89 licensed Lay Readers. The ordinations during last year only reached six, namely, four Deacons and two Priests.

A Roman priest, recently in charge of a parish in Gunnison, has applied to the Bishop of Colorado for admission into the ranks of his clergy.

THE Bishop of Arkansas, in his address to his Convention, spoke of the desirableness of having an Assistant Bishop by reason of his advancing years.

A Conference of the Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Diocese of Newark, N.J., was held in Grace church, Orange, on the evening of the 14th May.

THE American Church of St. James, Florence, Italy, is doing good work amongst residents and travellers. The rector is the Rev. H. A. Venables, an English priest.

THE Rev. Mr. Edwards, lately pastor of the Methodist Church, Moorestown, N.J., has left that body, and is now preparing for Orders at the Divinity School, West Philadelphia.

THE Bishop of Long Island confirmed in Christ church, Brooklyn, on April 5th, sixty six persons, seven of whom were Italians, from a Mission supported in part by Christ church.

AT Grace church, Middletown, N.Y., Bishop Potter, on the evening of May 8th, confirmed 35 persons, 20 of whom were adults, eleven of whom came from the Presbyterians and Methodists.

THE first Convention of the N.Y. State Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in Utica on May 5th and 6th, when some 200 delegates were present from various parts of the State.

THE Universalist pastor of Hightstown, N.J. greatly surprised his congregation by conforming to the Episcopal Church, and becoming a candidate for Holy Orders under the Bishop of New York.

BISHOP WALKER, of North Dakota, while in Jerusalem lately, was accorded the privilege by the Patriarch of celebrating the Holy Communion in the chapel of Abraham, one of the chapels of the Holy Sepulchre.

ON the Sunday after Ascension Day, Bishop Spalding, of Colorado, confirmed seven persons in St. Thomas' church, Alamosa. Among those were two Methodists, one Mormon, two Presbyterians, one Baptist, and one Lutheran.

THE Bishop of Pennsylvania reported to the 110th Annual Convention of his Diocese, held May 8th, that the number confirmed during the past year had been larger than ever before, and Church work generally was advancing satisfactorily.

BISHOP THOMAS, of Kansas, reported that in the seven years since his consecration the communicants of the Diocese have doubled, the annual confirmations are three-fold larger, and the offertories for Church purposes have increased from \$57,000 to \$65,000.

THE first Puritan schism took place in 1573 A.D. In a few years several sub-divisions among the sect occurred, such as the "Precisians" and the "Brownists," the latter called after Robert Brown, who subsequently founded the Independents or Congregationalists.

THE Romish schism in England dates only from the year 1570, its adherents being governed by priests with special commissions from the Pope, and then by Bishops *in partibus*. The practice of giving English titles to the intruding Roman episcopate only dates from the year 1850 A.D.

"THE Church Army" grows in popularity; the Archbishop of Armagh has become one of its patrons, and at the desire of the Bishop of Durham the "Army" has sent one of its colportage and mission vans into his Diocese, making the seventh which the Society has at work in different Dioceses.

THE Bishop of Southern Ohio, in his Conventional address, spoke of the necessity of the clergy teaching the people. Our command is to *teach*, and this duty is not fulfilled by the ordinary pulpit discussions from Sunday to Sunday. "Make the people," said the Bishop, "intelligent Christians; instruct them in regard to the Church."

THE Bishop of Florida, at his last Convention, gave a most encouraging statement of the condition of his Diocese, which, less than two

years after the setting apart of the Southern jurisdiction, is very nearly of the same strength numerically and financially as the entire old Diocese six years ago. The number of confirmations has been unusually large.

THE Bishop of Pittsburg, Pa., recently returned from an extended visitation in the northern part of his Diocese. The confirmations attained a total of more than 200 for the month of April. He was much impressed with the value of surpliced choirs in enlisting boys and men in the service of the Church, and reaching other members of their families through them.

THE Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the P.E. Church in the U.S. has set apart, for the year, beginning on September 1st next, for Domestic Missions, including those of the colored race and to Indians, \$270,795; Foreign Missions, \$197,514. The contributions during last year to May 1st instant showed an increase of nearly \$29,000, but of this amount \$23,000 came from one single gift.

BISHOP HALL spent most of Rogation and Ascension week in Brattleboro, Vt., where he had early celebrations daily, and preached every day to large numbers of people. So great was the number that on one day (Thursday) the Congregational Church had to be used in order to accommodate all, the Knights Templar attending at the service. There were visitors from different parts of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

THE 110th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey was held on the 8th and 9th of May. The Bishop, in his address, said: "I have some pride in believing that our Diocese ranks high in the thoroughness and honesty of the work done, and that young men who pass the ordeal of the examining Chaplain's scrutiny, have the satisfaction of feeling that they reached the goal by no royal road. The door of the Ministry is the true place to begin!"

BISHOP PERRY, of Iowa, was one of the speakers named for the S.P.G. meeting in London on May 10th, and also will attend the Missionary Conference of the Church of England, to be held on May 28th to June 1st, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He will also give an address at a large missionary gathering at Winchester early in July, and he, with the Bishop of North Dakota, will attend the "Degree Day" of Trinity College, Dublin, on the 28th of June.

THE returns of Sunday schools and Bible classes in England from Easter, 1892, to Easter, 1893, published in the April number of the *Church S.S. Magazine*, show reports from 12,875 incumbents out of a total of 13,562. Number of *Infants* attending Sunday school, 544,389; *Boys*, 775,832; *Girls*, 885,328; and in Bible classes, 190,936 men and 210,355 women. Sunday school teachers: Men, 55,467; women,