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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.

HER Majesty the Queen has decided to present a statue of Edward the Confessor to Winchester Cathedral, where it will be placed in the magnificent restored screen.

THE Rev L. H. Frere, who has had missionary experience at Nyassa, is of opinion that Central Africa will never be evangelized by European teachers alone. There is need of an additional ministry, composed of natives. The climate being so unhealthy is against Europeans.

INCUMBENCIES of over fifty year, it would seem, are not rare, but how seldom do we find one over seventy! Yet on Wednesday last, the 30th, January, the Rev. John Elliott, vicar of Randwick, Gloucestershire, entered upon the seventy-first year of his incumbency of that parish; he having been licensed to it as perpetual curate on the 30th, of January, 1819.

THE Bishop of Wakefield in a primary pastoral to the clergy of his diocese, announces his intention of calling a Synod as well as a diocesan conference, of holding four ordinations in the year, with "a quiet day" for the clergy every Ember week, and of confirming in as many parishes as possible. He desires to visit every parish so far as he can.

A COLLECT.—O Lord God, with whom is the Fountain of Life, and in Whose light we shall see light, increase in us the brightness of Thy knowledge; that when we are thirsty, we may receive from Thee the fountain of living waters; and when we are dark, we may be lightened with the brightness of Thy understanding. Amen.—*Ancient Liturgy.*

THE gallant little Welsh Church is pulling ahead. The number of confirmations last year showed an unprecedented increase. A school board contest has been held at Caermarthen, where no such contest has heretofore been waged, because Nonconformists had everything their own way; now three Churchmen have secured seats on the board. Here again is proof of progress which is gratifying.

CHURCH CHOIRS would do well to curtail the extent of their repertoire and give each piece better finish and expression, thereby adding much to the impressiveness of the musical service of the church. They need rarely fear that judicious repeating will pall on the congregation; on the contrary, any real good and well written anthem will needs be heard a number of times before its repetition is even noticed by the average congregation; in fact, it is in reality enjoyed more and more with each repetition. We know of a case where a short anthem by Barnby was, off and on, six times before the chairman of the music committee (who ought to be a judge) came up to compliment the choir on the "lovely new anthem introduced that day."

If this applies to the anthems sung by the choir only, how much more will it apply to the chants and hymns in which the congregation wish, and ought to join. Let the music of

the House of God be as perfect as possible, and avoid the doubtful glory of presenting as many novelties as possible. Only see that what is chosen is of the highest character of execution. Good music often repeated increases in power, to which the genuine folk song bears evidence.—*Selected.*

Trinity parish, N. Y., has four large chapels under Trinity Church (which are really churches). At these there are eleven clergymen actively engaged in mission work. The chapels minister almost entirely among those who could not support a parish financially. They report 3,103 communicants, 2,945 Sunday school scholars on the rolls, with 219 teachers. If we add in one-half the communicants and Sunday-school scholars of Trinity Church and Trinity Chapel (which I believe to be a low estimate), we have mission statistics for the parish of 4,450 communicants, 3,435 Sunday-school scholars, and 294 teachers. Moreover, in connection with every chapel or church is an industrial school and a daily parish school, as well as innumerable guilds, societies, and associations. There is also a large mission house in Fulton Street, and a hospital; while to aid struggling parishes throughout the city, doing mission work, about \$46,000 per annum is giving.

IN MEMORIAM JOSEPH ALBERT LOBLEY.

A Sermon preached in the Chapel of Bishop's College, Lennoxville at the Service held in loving and grateful memory of the late Principal Lobley, on Monday February 3rd, 1889. By the Venerable Archdeacon Roe, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity Printed by request of the Principal.

"Know ye not that there is a Prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"—2nd Samuel iii, 38.

The charge which is committed to me to-night, that of addressing you upon the life and work of our late beloved and revered Principal, is no light one. To bring out worthily all the rich and varied qualities of his mind and heart; to set the man before you as he was, in all the breadth of his sympathies, in all the nobleness of his nature, in all the depth of his devotion to his duty and his God, is a task far beyond my powers. To those who did not know him as we knew him here, I shall seem to speak extravagantly; but I shall not say a single word which I do not believe to be within the truth. Indeed I am sure there is no danger of extravagance in speaking of the eminent servant of God we are commemorating, for, so great was his humility, so careful was he to hide from his left hand what his right hand did, so silent was he invariably about his own successes and his own sacrifices, that the danger is of not sufficiently honoring God through underrating the greatness of His Grace bestowed upon His faithful servant.

But first let me briefly sketch his life, and

this will probably help us to estimate his work.

Joseph Albert Lobley was born in the city of Liverpool on the 10th Feb. 1840, and educated in the well known Blue Coat school of that city, under the headmastership of the late eminent Dean Howson. Here his fine abilities, developed by earnest devotion to duty, carried him rapidly on to the head of every grade of the school in succession, and won for him finally the scholarship by which he was enabled to go to the University of Cambridge, entering its greatest College Trinity, with which the Liverpool school is connected. At Cambridge he greatly distinguished himself, gaining high honours both in classics and mathematics, and was finally elected fellow of his College. How much to be a fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, means, I need not say.

Everything in England was now open to him. But the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ had long since won his heart. He had heard a voice calling him to something higher than even England has to offer. And immediately on graduating, he took Holy Orders, and at once threw himself into the work of the Church with that deep earnestness and wonderful power of method which characterized his ministry everywhere. He soon made his mark, and three years after his ordination he was made vicar of Hamer, a large manufacturing parish of 4,000 souls in Rochdale, Lancashire. Here he remained for seven years, making full proof of his ministry, and winning, not so much by his brilliant talents, as by the warmth of his love, the genuineness of his sympathy and the entire devotion of his heart to the good of his people, to an unusual degree the love and confidence of those shrewd and hard-hearted Lancashire folk. The Rochdale Observer of the 9th January, in a touching notice of his death, says: "Though it is more than fifteen years since Dr. Lobley resigned the vicarage of All Saints', Hamer, the regret we feel will be shared by many others in Rochdale who remember his brilliant abilities, the singular charm of his manner, the high ideal he had of the duties of the priestly office, and the faithfulness with which he lived and laboured up to that ideal. Although he was only amongst us about seven years, he established a record which many ministers by a life work have failed to gain, and left a memory behind which is green in the hearts of his old parishioners."

Hamer was then a new parish, and the whole organization of it was in Mr. Lobley's hands. He finished the Church, began by his predecessor, built the vicarage and schools, and left the parish in that condition of completeness and unity and vigorous life which must have been the result of his labours everywhere.

During those years, Mr. Lobley's labours and sympathies were not confined within the limits of his own parish. He threw himself also heartily into the work of our great Missionary Societies, acting as organizing Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel throughout that district, and did much to create and promote there an interest in the Foreign Missions of the Church. His great abilities and high Christian character thus becoming known to the authorities of the Church, who have the direction of her Foreign Missionary work, he was in 1871 designated Bishop of Vic-