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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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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

OUT of 195 churches in the diocese of Massachusetts, 126 have free seats.

ALABAMA is essentially a missionary diocese, only 15 out of 70 parishes being self supporting.

THE railroads in North Dakota furnish free transportation for Bishop Walker's Cathedral car.

THE consecration of the Rev. Dr. Gray, Missionary Bishop elect of Southern Florida, will take place in Christmas week.

THE Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, will receive the munificent sum of about \$400,000 under the will of the late Mrs. Coles.

THE Church Temperance work in the various coffee rooms of Boston and its suburbs is to be prosecuted with activity the coming winter.

THE holding of the recent Church congress at Folkestone cost £1,800, and it is stated that it will be necessary to draw upon the guarantors to the extent of about £500.

THE Rev. S. B. Rees, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, Denmark-place, London, has joined the Anglican Communion, and will shortly seek for admission to the diaconate in the English Church.

THE new diocesan house on Joy St., Boston, was formally opened on All Saints Day. The 23 rooms in the building have been assigned for the use of the different societies connected with The Church.

THE Sunderland Town Council, by thirty-eight votes against twelve, have rescinded the resolution they passed on August 10th last for opening the borough Museum, Art Gallery, and News Room on Sundays.

THE Committee of the National Society for Promoting Religious Education at their last meeting voted nearly £5,000 in grants for the improvement and extension of Church schools in England and Wales.

AN address to the clergy and ministers of London is being issued by the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association to counteract the exertions of the Sunday opening societies, who have this year started a "Museum Sunday." It is proposed that the eighteen sermons to be preached in favour of Sunday opening be met by 800 sermons in favour of Sunday closing.

ON his ninetieth birthday, in the first week in November, the Bishop of Chichester celebrated Holy Communion in the Cathedral, and afterwards received addresses from the Cathedral Chapter, the diocesan conference, the Theological College, and the Prebendal School.

A "FRIEND" has offered to provide a new organ for Peterborough Cathedral at a cost of £3000, on condition that the donor's name be not divulged.

THE Bishop of Carlisle states that the number of children present at the examinations of the Church day schools of his diocese, the past year, exceeded by nearly 2,000 the records of any previous year.

THE Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, speaking at his Diocesan Conference at Bristol last week, said if it was the Lord's will that there should be a true reunion of Churchmen and Nonconformists in this Christian land it would never be hastened by unauthorised and precipitate action, and still less by the practical surrender of vital principles of Church government as embodied in the historic, or, as he preferred to define it, the apostolically-derived episcopacy. If they desired reunion they must be content to watch and wait.

SPEAKING at the institution of the Rev. O. L. T. Crossley to the vicarage of St. John's, Engremont, Liverpool, the Bishop of Chester (Dr. Jayne) referred to the Education question, and said what was termed undenominationalism was nothing less than the establishment and endowment, within the sphere of education, of the tenets of those who believed the least, and was, in a certain sense, worse than secularisation. As a faithful shepherd, he was bound to warn them against this wolf in sheep's clothing—this "common Christianity," falsely so called.

THE diocese of Dublin contains a Church population of nearly 76,000 souls. There are provided for them 103 churches, ministered to by 164 clergymen, including sixty-five curates. During the past year £67,000 (exclusive of private benefactions) had been received, of which more than £18,000 was contributed to foreign missions and extra-parochial objects. Since 1869 there had been built or rebuilt in the whole Church of Ireland eighty-five churches, and 375 had been restored or renovated by voluntary contributions at a cost of more than £560,000; so that considerably more than a million of money had been contributed by the members of the Church during the last half century for the purposes of Church restoration.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada.

THE Council have fixed the dates for the Third Annual Convention for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of FEBRUARY next, at the City of KINGSTON.

As there are now over 95 Chapters actually in existence extending over the whole Dominion, the prospects are for a thoroughly representative and strong Church gathering.

A large Committee has been appointed in Kingston and are already at work. It is hoped that by settling the dates so far in advance both clergy and laymen will be enabled to make their arrangements so as not to conflict with the Convention.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

CHURCH BELLS, LONDON, ENGLAND.

THE Bishop of Winchester's recently issued pastoral letter is a letter to be welcomed by all sensible and moderate thinking men. As having been one of the Archbishop's assessors in the Lincoln trial, Bishop Thorold's words upon the judgment have great weight. 'In place of any formal mandate,' he writes, 'I simply express my distinct and emphatic hope that the Archbishop's judgment will be cheerfully and completely accepted by the clergy of the Winton diocese, and I feel sure that these statements of what I desire, as their father in God, and not only as one set in authority over them, will be felt to be worth much more than an equivalent for a coercive direction from my Court.' The Bishop points out that the promoters of the cause against the Bishop of Lincoln failed because they espoused the cause of truth in an utterly wrong way. 'We all of us want more clear apprehension of doctrinal truth, more jealous love for it, more unflinching firmness in declaring it, more absolute refusal to condone the cheap and mischievous and paltry civilities that must end in no creeds at all; but we should not think to do our duty by hindering other men from doing theirs. If we expect toleration for ourselves, we must give it to our neighbours, who do not observe to be called Roman because they light candles and mix the chalice and turn to the East.' Again: 'We can no more prevent the subtle but growing influence of the artistic and the objective elements in the public worship of the present time by denouncing it as Popish than we can keep Erie from going down Niagara Falls by shaking a stick at it. If we cannot and will not accept any of it for ourselves, let us not be so unwise or so unfair as to grudge it to our neighbours.' Wise words from a peace-loving man.

IRISH ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE, DUBLIN.

DURING the debate on the Catechism in the Dublin Synod a speaker affected to make light of the danger to the faith of any of our people, except from the Roman Catholic side. This, we