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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.

LETTERS from Japan set forth the urgent need of a Missionary Bishop for that country.

A CHURCHMAN of Louisiana, U. S., has given \$30,000 to erect an additional building for the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

THERE are more Indian communicants than white in Bishop Hare's Missionary jurisdiction of South Dakota, although the Indian population is only 250,000 while the white population is 350,000. Six hundred and fifty Indians were confirmed there during the last three years.

Boy and surplised choirs in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, go back to 1798 and earlier. In that year a bill is mentioned for 'washing the surplices of clergy and children.' In 1807 the organist is requested to have at least twelve choir boys.

THE EARLY CHURCH IN CAROLINA—According to Dr. Daleho the first Episcopal Church in South Carolina (U. S.) was built in Charleston about 1681 or 1682. In 1774, the eve of the war of the Revolution, there were eighteen organized parishes, with clergymen and vestries, under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London.

In Brooklyn, L. I., a Clergyman's Family Fund Society has just been incorporated, whose object is to aid the relatives of needy and dependent relatives of deceased clergymen. There is need enough of it not only in Long Island, but in every diocese. Few fortunes are ever made by preaching, the struggle is to keep the wolf from the door, and many a pang must be added to the minister's bed of death by the thought of those to whom the alms of cold charity will be the only refuge.

In "Personal and Family Glimpses of Remarkable People," by Archbishop Whately, a notable story is told of Bishop Stanley of Norwich (England). He was in the habit of going to different churches to see and hear for himself, and once went into an empty pew. When the owner, a lady, arrived, the Bishop said: "I am afraid I have taken your pew." "Yes," she replied somewhat tartly. "Then I had better go elsewhere," he said. "I would be very much obliged if you would," answered madame. Accordingly he went. But what was the lady's horror, and she was one who worshipped Church dignitaries, to discover at the close of the service that the stranger she had expelled was no less a personage than the Lord Bishop!

THE Bishop of Derry (Ireland) preached at Westminster Abbey on a recent Sunday morning to a large congregation on "The Value of the Bible in the Propagation of Christianity," on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. With reference to Gibbon's well-known 'fifteenth chapter,' he inquired, Why did not the Gospel spread more rapidly now? Some would reply, 'Because there are no miracles.' But the New Testament preachers did not appeal so much to miracles, as to the miracle—and the miracles which Christ did

sank into insignificance compared with the miracle He was. The Bishop concluded his sermon by warning 'a chamber not far from the Abbey' against the disestablishment of a Church whose teachers had broadened the breadth and deepened the depth of their thought, and renewed the love of educated Englishmen for the old Bible.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the nomination of the Rev. Daniel Lewis Lloyd to the Bishopric of Bangor, Wales, in the room of the Right Rev. James Colquhoun Campbell, resigned. The Bishop designate is now Head Master of Christ's College, Brecon, Eng. He was Head Master of Dolgelly School from 1867 to 1872, and Head Master of the Friar's School at Bangor from 1873 to 1878. He was formerly a scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge. This appointment will make the fourth Head Master who has been raised to the Bench. The other three are the Primate and the Bishops of London and of Southwell. Of English Deans and ex Deans no less than seven were Head Masters.

On the day before the consecration of Dr. Westcott, an interesting gathering of old Birmingham boys was held in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace, by the kind invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was thought fitting that former members of the school, of which the Primate and Dr. Westcott (as also the late Bishop Lightfoot) were such distinguished pupils, should meet together for the purpose of holding a service to pray for the well being of the new Bishop of Durham. The services consisted of the Litany, the Psalms, *Levavi oculos*, and *Lætatus sum*, and a hymn, together with passages from the Consecration Service, and the blessing by the Archbishop. The occasion was one which will long live in the memory of all those who were present.

THE Church of England's latest Confirmation statistics for England and Wales show a continued and general progress in almost every diocese, and a considerable improvement in the total results. The number of persons confirmed has risen from 198,164 in 1884, to 225,776 in 1889. Taking the whole of England and Wales for the triennial period 1887-89, there was an annual average of 220,396 persons confirmed; or one Confirmation for each 118 of the population. The Province of Canterbury during the three years presented nine candidates out of every 1,000 of the population, whilst the Province of York, with half the population, presented only seven out of every 1,000. Chester, Llandaff, Bangor, St. David's, Southwell, Ripon (with Wakefield), Rochester, and Manchester, are the dioceses which have gained most ground during the three years under review.

JAPAN.—On April 13th, 1890, the first Sunday after Easter, Bishop Bickersteth held an ordination in the Church of the Ascension, in the district of Ushigome, in Toyko, at which the Rev. Yonege Yamaga was advanced to the Priesthood. This gentleman has been in Deacon's orders for about three years. He is the author of some manuals for instruction in

the Faith, that have proved very useful, and his report among his countrymen is that of an earnest man of God. He is the fourth Japanese advanced to the Priesthood within the last half year. One of these was the Rev. Tai San, advanced on St. Thomas' Day, by Bishop Williams. Ushigome is a district about a mile and a-half north-east of the Emperor's palace, which is the centre of Tokyo. It is thickly populated, and is a hopeful station, although the church is at present only in its infancy, numbering less than 100 baptized souls, including infants.

THERE was an immense congregation at Trinity Church, N. Y., on Ascension Day, every seat being occupied and hundreds standing. The rear of the chancel was profusely decorated with lilies, begonias, etc., while masses of flowers and palms were to be seen outside. At 11 o'clock, the procession entered in the order of the choirs of Trinity Church and St. Chrysostom's Chapel, some 80 in all, the clergy of the parish, Dean Hoffman, and four cross-bearers, followed by Bishops Thompson, Whitehead and Potter. In singing the hymn, "O Zion, blest City," the choirs were assisted by Theodore Thomas' band, which occupied the organ loft at the east end of the church. The sermon was by Bishop Thompson on "The Kingdom of Christ." The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of Albany, Bishop Potter pronouncing the absolution. The number of communicants was large.

AUSTRALIA—The Bishop of Ballarat, who has lately returned to his diocese, has been accorded a hearty welcome. There was a thanksgiving celebration of the Holy Communion, the bishop being met at the western door of Christ Church Cathedral, and proceeding thence, singing a processional hymn, to the chancel. Before commencing the service, Archdeacon Beamish, Vicar-General, presented his Lordship with a pastoral staff, as a present from the clergy and laity of the diocese, and an address of welcome from the laity was also presented. The service was followed by a luncheon at the Ballarat Town Hall, and in the evening a public meeting was held. The Bishop, in reply to the various addresses, made a very interesting speech, embracing a wide range of subjects. He stated that he had, during his visit, preached ninety sermons and addressed forty-six meetings, and that without soliciting a shilling he had obtained as freewill offerings £650 for the diocese.

BISHOP CAMPBELL's resignation of the See of Bangor (Wales) has created a vacancy in the number of spiritual peers who are entitled to a vote in the House of Lords. The Bishop has held the Bishopric of Bangor thirty years. He is succeeded in the Upper House by Bishop Bickersteth of Exeter, who was consecrated to his See in 1885, and who has therefore waited for five years, before gaining admission to the House of Lords. The number of new Sees created will, perhaps not unfortunately, add to the time when Bishops are without a seat among their peers. But it will also tend to enhance the importance of the five great English Sees, viz, the two Archbishoprics, and the