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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.

"The deeds we do, the words we say,  
Into still air they seem to fleet;  
We count them ever past.  
But they shall last;  
In the dread judgment, they  
And we shall meet."

—Keble.

**A WORK OF ART.**—The beautiful font of California onyx, which has lately been completed and set up in the baptistry of the Episcopal Church at River Side, California, is as chaste and elegant a work of art as there is on the Pacific coast. The material closely resembles the far-famed Russian onyx which is so fashionable for jewelry. The bowl of the font, a huge mass of onyx weighing about six hundred pounds, is almost without a flaw, and the carving is simply exquisite. It is in octagon form, and bears the words running around the rim, "The Laver of Regeneration." On each of the octagon faces is an ecclesiastical emblem of correct design and matchless workmanship. The eight designs are:—

1. A dove, speeding downward in its flight.
2. The three fishes interlaced. (A baptismal symbol.)
3. The seven-branch candle-stick.
4. An eagle.
5. The eastern pomegranate.
6. The pelican feeding her young.
7. The chalice and wafer.
8. The Angelus Dei.

The bowl is supported by four pedestals of dark marble, with floriated onyx capitals and bases, and these rest on the octagon base of dark marble. On the base is chiselled out the inscription:—

IN MEMORIAM,  
THEODORE BELLAMY SAMO.  
ORBIT JULY 3, 1882.  
REQUIESCAT.

The Colton onyx company is to be congratulated on the execution of such a beautiful font. We understand that the design was suggested by the Rev. B. W. R. Taylor and the details were from plans of his own. The Episcopal Church in Riverside, is possessed of the only onyx font in America, probably in the world. It is a present to the Church from Mrs. Samo, of that city in memory of her husband.

**NEW BISHOP OF LAHORE.**—Archdeacon Matthew was consecrated at Westminster Abbey, London, on the 6th of January, as Bishop of Lahore, India.

**THE Rev. M. L. Williston**, formerly Pastor of the Congregational Church in Davenport, Iowa, has made formal application to the Bishop of Iowa for admission as a candidate for Holy Orders. Mr. Williston is a graduate of Amherst College, and has sustained an excellent reputation in the religious body to which he has, up to this time, belonged. He received the rite of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Perry on Holy Innocent's Day, and whilst a postulant for Orders will act as a lay reader.

A noble example of the right use of wealth has been given by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, of New York. She was philanthropic in life; she has been generous in her death; her will

providing for immense charitable bequests, in which The Church in the U.S., largely shares.

**GENEROUS BEQUESTS.**—The will of the late Stephen M. Buckingham, of Poughkeepsie, provides for a legacy of \$50,000 to Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; another of \$20,000 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church; \$1000 each to the N.Y. Bible and Prayer-Book Society; to the N.Y. P. E. Church Missionary Society to Seamen; to the Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy of the P. E. Church; \$2,000 to the Poughkeepsie Orphan House and Home for the Friendless; \$8,000 to found a Scholarship in Vassar College, in the award of which preference shall be given to the daughters of Clergy of the P. E. Church; and to St. Paul's Church, Poughkeepsie, \$10,000.

A MOVEMENT is contemplated in Boston for the establishment of a "Church Tract Association." It is an agency much needed, and if vigorously conducted, will go far towards counteracting certain latitudinarian influences of that region. There is abundance of room for a like organization in Canadian cities.

LAST week *The Churchman*, N.Y., completed its twenty-first year under its present management, says the *Living Church*. This is a long term of service in any enterprise, especially in that of Church Journalism. It would be interesting to note, if we could recall, the various ventures in this field which have been made and lost, during Dr. Mallory's administration of *The Churchman*. "The shores of time" are strewn with wrecks, and none are more conspicuous than those of Church periodicals. Both editorially and financially, the publication of a weekly Church paper is a hazardous work. The long and successful career of Messrs. M. H. Mallory & Co., is one of which they may rightly be proud, and upon which they are to be congratulated.

It is stated that during the last two years the Bishop of Chester has taxed his income to the extent of 50 per cent. for charitable and pious purposes.

**MANCHESTER.**—The Rev. John Dart, M.A., D.C.L., (late scholar of St. Mary's Hall, Oxford), Canon of Halifax, and late President of King's College, Nova Scotia, has received a license as public preacher in this diocese.

At the late ordination at Lichfield, the Bishop ordained the head-master of Shrewsbury High School (Mr. John Andrews) to be a permanent deacon, and he was licensed to assist the Rev. E. de V. Bryans, vicar of the Abbey Church, of Shrewsbury. This is the first ordination of the kind.

**EQUATORIAL AFRICA.**—Some weeks ago, Bishop Parker, successor of the martyred Hannington, opened the new Church of St. Paul, Kisulutine. The day was kept in quite a festive manner by the native Christians, and the Rev. A. D. Shaw, according to the *Spirit of Missions*, in describing the service, says that the people not only brought corn and other

produce as offerings, but also so much money that the bags and plates were too small to contain it, and so it was poured into the font, which was half filled with coins. The collection amounted to 565 rupees. On the next day sixty-three candidates were confirmed in the Church, and there were 150 communicants.

On December 11, the Venerable Archdeacon Denison attained his 82nd year. On December 13, the Bishop of Bedford completed his 64th year. On December 17, the Bishop of Peterborough reached his 67th year.

OPINIONS are current that the names of Canon Furse, Rev. W. Sinclair, and Archdeacon Earle, are those which have been submitted for the new Suffragan Bishopric of North London.

THE only way in which any Church paper can be maintained, says the *North East* of Portland, Maine, is by having it occasionally brought to the people's notice by the rector, and by the appointment of some one who will undertake to canvass for it in the parish. Now is a good time to start this work.

THE Home Re-union Society of England, at its November meeting adopted the following Resolution:—"That it is essential that in all our efforts towards Reunion the central position of the Church of England should be maintained; and while anxious in social intercourse and elasticity of worship to meet the Protestant Nonconformists as fellow-Christians, we must be careful to avoid anything that will undermine the position of the Christian ministry or the full teaching of the Creeds, which have come to us from Apostolic times, and unite us with the whole Church Catholic now on earth and at rest in the Paradise of God."

BISHOP Kestell-Cornish, is erecting with the aid of the S.P.C.K., five Churches on the Eastern Coast of Madagascar. He states that the people thereabouts are still almost entirely heathen, belonging mainly to the tribe of the Betamisarka, who are too antagonistic to the Hova conquerors to be very amenable to Christian influence from that source.

OUT of 121 recent candidates for confirmation at Portllytyn, South Wales, 116 had formerly been Nonconformists.

IN the course of his recent sermon at Lincoln, the Archbishop of Canterbury referred to betting transactions in the City of London, and said this was heathenism as bad as was going on in any part of the world. It was simply the worship of a fool's god, and it bore its baneful results.

A Subscriber writes: The CHURCH GUARDIAN continues as welcome as ever. If loyalty to the Church Catholic, and freedom from anything like partisanship is what Churchmen want, they will find both in the CHURCH GUARDIAN.

A Subscriber renewing, writes: "I enjoy its (*The Church Guardian's*) contents with much interest: and it is a welcome visitor in our circle."