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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.

OVER £35,000 have been raised in London this year in connection with Hospital Sunday.

THE population of St. Vincent, by late census, was 41,000, of whom 20,000 returned themselves as belonging to the Church.

THERE is a Society in Germany devoted to the distribution of printed sermons. Nearly 7½ millions were given away last year.

THE Lord Bishop of Exeter and Mrs. Bickersteth recently entertained about 500 of the organists of the diocese in the Palace gardens.

THE Marquis of Bute, who is a Roman Catholic, contributes £500 to the Duke of Westminster's fund for resisting Welsh Disestablishment.

A Presbyterian minister in Trinidad named Ragli has renounced the errors of Presbyterianism, and will shortly be admitted to Holy Orders.—*W. I. Churchman.*

At a recent wedding at St. Paul's Presbyterian Meeting-house, Montreal, the Rev. Canon Ellegood, of the Cathedral, rector of St. James', assisted.—*Church Bells, London.*

THE Rev. Andrew Gray, of Boston, author of a number of valuable works, theological and literary, has received the degree of D.D., *honoris causa*, from St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N.Y.

THE Duke of Cambridge opened last month the new Church schools in St. Luke's church, Kingston, Eng., erected at a cost of £7,000, to meet the demands for accommodation for 800 scholars.

In 1887 there were in St. Vincent and Grenadines, W.I., ten priests and two deacons; and, in 1894, only six priests. Clergy are sadly needed, as parishes are unsupplied and ministrations of the Sacraments wanting.

BISHOP ORMSBY, of Honduras, has already made extensive Visitation tours through his diocese. He wishes to organize six new parishes, with churches, parsonage and schools, at once. A mission ship also is required.

THE Archbishop of the West Indies, at the Conference on Missions, said "the Colonies had no places for inferior men." Men sometimes came to him from England (his Grace said) who could not read at all as well as his secondary native Catechists. The candidates for the Ministry ought to be taught reading and speaking.

THE following is the seating capacity of the eight largest churches in the world: St. Peter's

Rome, 54,000 persons; Milan Cathedral, 37,000; St. Paul's, London, 25,000; St. Sophia, Constantinople, 23,000; Notre Dame, Paris, 21,000; Florence Cathedral, 20,000; Pisa Cathedral, 13,000; St. Mark's, Venice, 7,000.—*Diocese of Springfield.*

BISHOP CHURTON, of Nassau, speaks of an increase in his diocese from 14 in 1886 to twenty-three in 1893; 18 new churches built, three chancels, eight Parsonage houses, three new boats placed at the disposal of the clergy for coasting along the shores, and fifteen new stations opened, all during the seven years of his Episcopate.

CANON BRANCH, of St. Vincent, at a meeting of the Church Council, stated that the appointment of an Assistant to the Bishop of Barbados—whose duties there only allowed him a few days yearly in St. Vincent—was the first remedy for the present distressing condition of the Church in that island, and he suggested the name of Archdeacon Frederick.

THE continuity of the Church of England has been curiously illustrated by a proposal to build a church at Chilcomb, a suburb of Winchester, where the Dean stated that there was land which had been held by the Cathedral corporation since 644. This does not look much like a support for the statement that the Church of England was founded by Henry VIII.—*Parish Record, Boston.*

SIX months ago, Bishop Johnston used the Church service for the first time in Ata Cosa County, on which occasion he added, by Confirmation, four communicants to the four already there. On the 15th of May the Bishop again visited the Mission, and confirmed a class of nine. Among them were a mother and her three daughters and two young men from the Roman Catholic Church.—*Western Texas Item.*

A valuable gift has been offered by Principal Reichel to the Church of Ireland: this is the fine library of the late Bishop of Meath, which is to be located in Belfast, and held by the Bishop of Down in trust. The library consists of a large and well-chosen selection of leading English and German theological works, and will be much prized and of special value in the North of Ireland, where books of reference are by no means easy of access.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is, we understand, developing a very important scheme for the defence of the Church, which appears to us to be of a most far-seeing and statesmanlike character. It is his Grace's idea to establish a Central Committee, to act conjointly with himself, the Archbishop of York, and the other Bishops, in arranging measures for the defence of the Church from the designs of her opponents. A general committee of prominent and distinguished lay Churchmen

will act with his Grace. The principle aims of the new organization are to unite Churchmen for the defence of the Church, to diffuse information concerning the Church's work, and to furnish intelligence and to promote public meetings. Every well-affected member of the Church ought, so far as lies in his or her power, to co-operate with the Archbishop in the carrying out of his project.

A generous friend of missions has recently sent three hundred volumes of the sermons of the Rev. John W. Norton to be distributed by the various Bishops of the P. E. Church in the U.S. among the lay readers of the South and West. The constant demand for these sermons is not surprising in view of the sterling characteristics they possess in the way of brevity, plainness and pithy illustrations. Thomas Whittaker, N.Y., is the publisher of the series.

At the last Conference of the Wesleyan body in England it was admitted that *Welsh* Wesleyanism cost the Conference more to support than its Irish sister, and that the cost of the latter was £500 per an. Mr. Parks, M.P., one of the lights of the Wesleyan Conference, stated that the English Foreign Missionary Society spent £5,000 a year on "pagan Ireland." Yet the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* affirms that "Wesleyanism, as the census shows, is making no progress, but is rather retrograding in the thoroughly Celtic and Roman parts of Ireland, in Connaught and Munster. . . . Methodism in Ireland has simply lost 20,000 members within the last 30 years."

THE Bishop of Down held his first visitation for the united diocese in Holywood parish church on Tuesday, the 3rd July. There were 180 clergy present. In the course of an address replete with interest, the Bishop mentioned with satisfaction the large increase during the past decade in Church membership in the united diocese, amounting in all to 8,456. This, however, was due to the enormous increase in the population of Belfast, as in most of the country parishes there was a considerable falling off. The average attendance at Divine service in the diocese on Sunday mornings amounted to 33,065, and on Sunday evenings to 25,785. The amount of collections made in church during the year reached the handsome total of £18,797, exceeding the year 1892 by £1,260, and is more than that of 1863 by £12,912. Dealing with the matter of religious education, the Bishop mentioned that there were 218 day schools, with a total of 15,907 Church children, under the management of the incumbents of parishes, receiving regular instruction in the Bible and Church formularies; but there were still 12,737 Church children attending schools under other management, in many of which no religious training whatever was given.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH.—The appointment of Canon Ainger as Master of the Temple in succession to Dean Vaughan has given general satisfaction. The position is almost a unique one,