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"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.

LORD ROTHSCHILD has given £200 to the funds of the Church of England Young Men's Society.

SINCE his return from Lambeth, Bishop McLaren, Chicago, has been suffering under a severe illness at his summer residence in New Jersey, having been much of the time confined to his bed.

THROUGH infirmity of age, the Rev. W. H. Bulmer, who is now in his eighty-seventh year, has resigned the living of Boldon, Newcastle. It is in the gift of the Bishop of Durham, and the gross value is £1,100.

THE Bishops of Manchester and Chester held their ordinations in their respective Cathedrals on Sunday, the 23rd inst, being the 17th Sunday after Trinity. The Manchester ordination was for Deacons only, whilst the ordination by Bishop Stubbs was for both Deacons and Priests.

THE Homily on Perjury, which is appointed to be read in Churches, in speaking of Holy Matrimony, calls it "the Sacrament which knitteth man and wife in perpetual love." Let it be noted, however, that though "commonly called" a Sacrament, it is not "generally necessary to salvation."

THE "Broad Church Congress" is the title already applied to the coming assemblage at Manchester. So far as subjects and speakers are concerned, the Congress programme shows a wonderful preponderance of Broad Church opinion. Probably for the first time on record there will be no excuse for calling it a High Church Congress.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph (Dr. Hughes), who was the first Welsh-speaking Bishop appointed in the principality for over 200 years, now lies seriously ill at Crieff, one side of his body being disabled by a paralytic stroke. Dr. Hughes, who is now in his eighty-second year, was appointed to the See in 1870 by Mr. Gladstone, in the place of Bishop Short, who had resigned.

AT the recent confirmation in St. John's parish, Baltimore, a new feature was the processional, in which the regular choir, with the Clergy and Bishop, headed by the Cross-bearer, on reaching the chancel steps, were met by a white-robed procession of young girls coming from the opposite directions each wearing the white confirmation veil, and led by one of the Clergy of the parish to the places assigned to them.

THE congregation of St. Sidwell's Church, Exeter, have been soundly rated on their meagre giving by the rector. Seven hundred persons present gave between them only 359 coins. These included 100 pennies and six farthings, and with the exception of one florin, nothing greater than a shilling found its way into the bags. The rector informed them that the Church is carried on upon the voluntary system, and £10 a week is needed to meet the

expenses. This comes to threepence per head of the congregation. If they gave less, they had no more right in the Church than a man who attempts to pass a bad shilling to obtain entrance to an entertainment. The threepence is a debt, and "until they had paid the debt they had no right in the Church at all."

THE following members of the Episcopate have already signified their intention of attending, and in several cases of taking part in the Church Congress, in October (1st to 5th): The Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Manchester, (president), the Bishops of Adelaide, Bedford, Brisbane, Calcutta, Capetown, Carlisle, (North) Dakota, Dunedin, Glasgow and Galloway, Grahamstown, Iowa, Maritzburg, Meath, Newcastle, Nottingham, (North) Queensland, Ripon, Saskatchewan, Shrewsbury, Sierra Leone, Sodor and Man, Southwell, Sydney, Wakefield, and Bishops Blyth and Mitchinson.

MR. SPURGEON'S faithful congregation have followed their pastor in seceding from the London Baptist Association. What is now to become of them? Will they go over to the Presbyterians? Mr. Spurgeon avers he is a "Churchman," because he belongs to the true Catholic and Apostolic Church. He believed he was an "Independent," too. The down grade controversy exhibits this plainly enough. He "hoped he was a tolerably good Baptist." If he "was not a Wesleyan, he was certainly a Methodist, for he tried, as well as he could, to do everything by method." Belonging to all these denominations, yet in ecclesiastical desolation!

CONNECTICUT held her Diocesan Convention in Christ Church, Hartford, June 12th. The Diocese has, including the Bishop and fifteen Deacons, 198 clergymen. There were reported from 147 parishes and missions, 1,966 baptisms. The Bishop confirmed 1,264 persons. In 158 parishes and missions there are registered 23,743 communicants, of whom 14,651 are reported as having received communion within the year. There are 16,061 Sunday-school scholars, having 1,880 teachers. Contributions and income for parochial objects were \$432,111.61; diocesan, \$40,510.01; extra diocesan, \$40,951; making the total receipts for the year \$513,632.70.

MR. ROBERT OWEN once visited a gentleman who was a believer. In walking out they came to the gentleman's family grave. Owen, addressing him, said, "There is one advantage I have over Christians. I am not afraid to die. Most Christians are afraid to die; but if some of my business was settled, I should be perfectly willing to die at any moment." "Well," replied his companion, "you say you have no fear of death—have you any hope in death?" After a solemn pause, he replied "No!" "Then," replied the gentleman, pointing to an ox, standing near, "you are on a level with that brute; he has fed till he is satisfied, and stands in the shade, whisking off the flies, and has neither hope nor fear.—*Sword and Trowel.*

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Annual retreat usually held by a number of the clergy of the dio-

cese, will this year take the form of a quiet day for the clergy at the Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass. It will be on Thursday, Sep. 27, and Rev. C. C. Grafton, will conduct it.

DELAWARE.—The presiding Bishop having received the consent of more than a majority of the Bishops has appointed St. Luke's Day and St. John's, Wilmington, as time and place for the consecration of the Bishop elect of Delaware.

DURING the absence of the Rev. B. M. R. Taylor, Rector of Riverside, California, burglars broke into his residence and carried away everything valuable that they could lay their hands on, including all of Mrs. Taylor's silver, her wedding presents, a quantity of clothing, and a valuable collection of rare coins which was very highly valued.

THE EAST LONDON SUFFRAGANSHIP.—The new Suffragan Bishop of East London has had 700,000 people added on to the charge recently held by the late Bishop of Bedford, making probably a million and a half of people under his spiritual care. The new additions are divided into four rural deaneries, of which Islington has 76 clergy, with 4,000 people each to care for, and Shoreditch has 50 clergy, with 3,000 people each. Islington is a well-to-do, or at least a mixed deanery, but has fewer clergy to population than any portion of London north of the Thames, and as the churches are nearly all on the pew system, the pewed out classes form a large majority of the whole.

THE Dean of Manchester preached to an immense congregation in the open air at Peel, in the Isle of Man, on Sunday. The Dean has thrown himself, with characteristic energy, into the preparations for the Church Congress, and several social meetings in connection with it have been held at the deanery. To Dr. Oakley are due many of the best of the arrangements for the Congress, especially the sermons and working men's meetings in the belt of towns which surround Manchester.

THE LATE REV. A. H. MACKONOCHE.—A memorial cross of grey granite has just been erected as a memorial to the late Father Mackonochie, of St. Alban's, Holborn, in the portion of the cemetery at Woking which is allotted to St. Alban's parish. This cross, which is 5 feet in height, stands on three steps, on which the following words are incised:—

*In pace*

ALEXANDER HERIOT MACKONOCHE,  
Priest,

15 December, 1887.

The cross, which is very massive, is of the old Celtic form.

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