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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.
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I earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

\$51,000 has been contributed to the Diocesan House, Pennsylvania.

IN Western Michigan the number of confirmations is reported by the Bishop as much larger than usual.

MRS. PERRY of Stratford, Connecticut, bequeathed \$12,000 to the Bishop Williams' professorship.

IT is proposed to create a missionary jurisdiction of the upper peninsula of the diocese of Michigan.

THE Bishop of Nottingham, (Dr. Trollope) who has been seriously ill at Leasingham rectory, Seaforth, is now convalescent.

AT St. Paul's, Bolton, England, on Sunday afternoon, May 29th, the school children gave a collection amounting to 15*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*

THE Revs. F. Chester and H. Plant, belonging to the United Methodist Free Church, have resigned their appointments in order to take Holy Orders in the English Church.

AN anonymous donor has contributed \$30,000 to the endowment of the Bishop Williams' professorship of doctrinal theology in the Berkeley Divinity School, Connecticut.

IN Florida, the Bishop's address showed an increase in confirmations of more than 20 per cent. over the largest number ever before reported for an ecclesiastical year.

TRINITY CHURCH, Boston, has unanimously elected the Rev. David H. Greer, D.D., of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, to the vacant rectorship.

MR. and MRS. NEWCOMB presented a beautiful window to St. Paul's school, Garden City, J. I., in loving memory of their son, which was formally accepted and unveiled by the Bishop of the diocese on the 5th inst.

MRS. M. A. SHERMAN bequeathed \$3000 to Grace Church, Watertown; \$500 to the House of the Good Samaritan and \$500 to Diocesan Missions. She was a devoted Christian Church woman and her life a benediction and example.

BISHOP WALKER, whose "Cathedral Car" excited so much interest, is to have another novelty—a "floating cathedral"—a church built on a barge which is to be taken from place to place on the Missouri river, thus reaching many towns which have no railroad.

IN the diocese of Fond du Lac the Cathedral debt has been reduced from \$15,800 to \$3,000 within the year past. The Bishop at the Convention held this month, announced a gift of \$10,000 to the diocese for the Permanent Endowment Fund.

IN Colorado diocese, a great advance has taken place during the year; the number of Baptisms and Confirmations being greater than in any former year and several new self-supporting parishes having been formed. The division of the diocese is being asked for, the jurisdiction being utterly beyond the power of one man to over-see.

AT the last Convention of the diocese of Michigan it was ordered that every parish and mission on the occasion of the Bishop's annual visitation apply the offertory to a special fund from which the Bishop may meet extraordinary and occasional demands made upon him.

A LAY delegate from Mariner's Church, Detroit, warmly denied, at the Convention in Michigan this month, "that working men were unwilling to lose a day's wages and must have Sunday for their visit to the World's Columbian Exposition" and called attention so earnestly to the recent action of the important labouring bodies protesting against the proposed opening on the Lord's Day that the convention forgot itself so far as to offer hearty applause although the session was held in the church.

THE Rev. G. Woodhouse, vicar of Allbrington, who is over ninety years of age, lately unveiled a window in Holy Trinity Church, Heath Town, the funds for which were mainly found by children's pence. It bears the following inscription: "This window is given by the children at the school, and a few friends, to the glory of God, and in memory of all the little ones who have departed this life in the parish."

THE Rev. Arthur J. Beanlands, of British Columbia, has resigned the office, which he recently accepted, of Organizing Secretary for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for the northern Province, preferring to continue his present work in British Columbia, and the Rev. E. A. Nuttall, the brother of the Bishop of Jamaica, has been appointed to the office.

THERE is a new development in the work of the Methodist "Forwards" in England. It is now proposed to set apart a "Separated Chairman," who will be expected to devote his whole time to organization, visitations, and conferences. It is a movement in the direction of episcopal oversight under another name.

BISHOP HOWE of South Carolina has been stricken with paralysis; and little hope it is said remains of his recovery.

AT the last Convention of the diocese of Western Michigan to the surprise of many, the canons were so amended that it will hereafter be lawful for women to vote at parish meetings. This action was made with the express provision that only males should be eligible as vestrymen and delegates to convention. After due deliberation and a thorough understanding of the matter, the proposed change was made by a call of yeas and nays without a dissenting voice.

IN Alternun churchyard, says the *Church in the West*, there is a tomb with this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Digory Isbell, who died in the Lord, 23rd June, 1795, in the 77th year of his age, and of Elizabeth, his wife, who exchanged Earth for Heaven, 8th Oct., 1805, in the 87th year of her age. They were the first who entertained the Methodist preachers in this county, and lived and died in that connexion, but strictly adhered to the duties of the Established Church. Reader, may thy end be like theirs!"

Within a village churchyard,
Close to the sacred fane,
Lie Digory Isbell and his wife,
Waiting to rise again.

And there a simple record,
Engraved upon the stone,
Tells how in humble trust they died,
Hoping in Christ alone.

Tells how they counted death no loss,
But everlasting gain,
Exchanging thus for endless bliss
Life's weariness and pain.

But more than this, it tells of work
And witness for the Lord—
How they believed, and then received
The preachers of His Word.

And sheltered them, and succoured them,
In persecution's day,
And opened wide their doors to all
Who flocked to hear and pray.

And so they helped the humble band
Of Wesley's preachers lay,
Whose method 'twas to form no sect.
Nor leave the Church's way.

But meeting oft for prayer and praise
To fan to brighter flame
Their own heart's love, and kindle too
In other hearts the same.

Attending prayers and Sacrament
Within the Church's fold,
The Christian man's whole duty, learnt
When young, they kept when old.

And thus in charity they lived
In faith and hope they died.
Reader, when our last end shall come
May we with them abide!