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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.

BISHOP CROWTHER, the black Bishop of the Niger, is now in England.

THE will of the late Bishop of Nova Scotia has been declared under 66,000*l*.

THE election for the vacant Bishopric of Glasgow is to take place in the course of this month.

A COURSE of sermons on the condition of the Church in our Colonies is being preached at All Saints', Oxford.

OWING to unforeseen causes of delay, the consecration of Canon Puelleine as Bishop Suffragan of Penrith, did not take place on the 1st of May.

LONDON.—A large number of Readers were admitted by the Bishop at St. Paul's on Saturday, the 28th, among them being several professional men of high standing.

THE Ecclesiastical Commissioners have sealed the certificate necessary to enable Her Majesty in Council to found the new Bishopric of Wakefield, as contemplated by the Bishopric Act, 1878.

THE Bishop of Gibraltar and others, are making an appeal for funds to obtain an English Church for Venice. It is hoped that a building situated conveniently on the Grand Canal will be obtained and converted into a church; 2,500*l*. will be required for the purpose.

It is rumored that the Bishops of Mackenzie River and Moosonee contemplate an early resignation of their respective sees. It would be difficult to find two bishops in the Anglican Communion who have labored more bravely, and nobly, and undergone more real hardship for Christ and His Church than Drs. Bompas and Horden, both of whom have been so long identified with missionary work—and that of the hardest kind—amongst the, in many respects, unsatisfactory and unthankful Eskimo.

THE appointment of the Hon. Melville W. Fuller, of Chicago, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, has given general satisfaction. Mr. Fuller is one of the Church's loyal sons. For many years he has been a vestryman of St. Mark's parish in that city, and has frequently served as lay-reader, and as delegate to the Diocesan Convention. In 1883, he was a deputy from this diocese to the General Convention. His fellow Churchmen rejoice over his election to this high office.

THE Council of the new Diocese of Colorado which meets on the 16th of this month, will adopt canons for the diocese. The code printed for adoption by the Special Committee has many admirable features, such as that a parish is made the centre of a missionary district, and held responsible for the care thereof. The Bishop and Standing Committee are made a Board of nomination for the purpose of filling

vacant rectorates, a far better way than the system of "calls" by a vestry.

A GENTLEMAN in Rhode Island has communicated to the Board of Managers his purpose to pay over to the Missionary Society \$100,000 toward the endowment of the Domestic Missionary episcopate.

THE litigation between Archdeacon Colley and the churchwardens at St. Peter's Cathedral, Natal, is ended. The case was left in the hands of the Attorney-General, who awards the Archdeacon certain fees, amounting to nearly £500, but throws out the bulk of his claims and orders him to pay rent for the parsonage. A portion of the costs are also given against Archdeacon Colley, who is forbidden to attend the Easter Vestry, and ordered to vacate the Archdeaconship on May 1.

THE students of the General Theological Seminary, New York, have sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, through the Very Rev. Dean Hoffmann and Mr. W. Stanley Burrows, the sum of £300, of which £160 is for the relief of the sufferers by famine in Kurdistan, £40 for the support of eight village schools for one year, and £100 for printing the ancient liturgical literature. The interest taken by the College in the Assyrian Mission is largely due to Mr. Neesan, a student from Chaldaea.

"THE CHURCH AND HER WAYS."—We are pleased to learn that the demand for this tract (an excellent one for parochial use, to which reference has been made in these columns) has been so great that the second edition of 15,000 has been exhausted, and the third of 10,000 ordered. The publishers announce that a great many orders were received from Canada, through the advertisement and references in the *GUARDIAN*.

## THE CHURCH ARMY'S ADVANCE.

The year 1887-88 has been one of remarkable advance on the part of the Church Army. Increased effort has been made both at home and abroad. The staff has been considerably augmented; a greater number of meetings have been held in-doors and out-doors. Some of the most depraved outcasts have been truly converted from lives of sin and wickedness, and have become earnest soldiers of Christ. Of these latter it may be said that they have witnessed a bold confession before the world and have come forward for confirmation in large numbers. The Army has not succeeded in doubling the number of its Evangelists this year, but the advance from 105 last year to 160 this year is a cause for great thankfulness. In addition to this, a considerable number of officers who have passed through the regular course of training, and who for various reasons were not quite fitted for our difficult work, have become Scripture readers and lay helpers of considerable usefulness to other Church societies. The house to house visitation of the poor has been

greatly increased, and the circulation of the *Church Army Gazette* has made great strides, giving the Army many open doors, which otherwise we could not have obtained.

Besides augmenting the work at home, other officers have been sent to Canada, and especially to Nova Scotia, where the Church Army is now a recognized institution. The Army has also sent Evangelists to the United States. Good work is reported to have been done by its officers in Australia. The opening in India is a new departure, and we believe will become a very important one; latest reports are very encouraging. The utmost sacrifice is needed for this, and a readiness to live in the humblest way in dress and food for the poor heathen abroad. The opening of a temporary Mission Nurses Training Home, by the Earl of Meath, was an important step. In addition to the 160 Evangelists, there are now ten Church Army Mission Nurses labouring "as well for the body as for the soul," and also trying to "rescue the fallen"—a most useful branch of their work.

The utmost economy has been practised at head quarters, and the whole of the above advance has been made with the additional expenditure only of less than £500. This amount would have been even less if it were not for the £250 given for the purchase of tents, which are found of great use in summer time. The most remarkable feature of the year is, probably, the great increase in the amount subscribed by the working people themselves. Richer friends have kindly given the Army £4,000, but the poor working people themselves have locally given towards the support of the work in their own parishes considerably over £13,000. The Society boldly asks sympathy for its 12,000 working men and women, "soldiers" in the Church Army, who are seeking not only to help themselves, but in helping themselves are seeking to be made a blessing to others.—*Family Churchman*.

## BIRTHDAY THOUGHTS.

"We bless Thee for our creation." Thus has the Church taught each of us to regard our birthday, a day for which we should thank and bless Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. And the world, too, look upon such days as times of rejoicing; while the old familiar greeting, "we wish you many happy returns of the day," shows clearly that the leading thought connected with birth is one of joy and happiness. And rightly so, for at such times our thoughts must naturally go back to that first birthday when "God created man in His own image," and made him to have dominion over all the works of His hand. Nor must our thoughts stop here; for in addition to all this honour, in making man the head and lord of creation, God, in the person of Jesus Christ, has for ever united human nature with the Divine, thus exalting man to the highest position that any creature can possibly occupy. No wonder, then, that the Church has taught her children to say day by day, "We bless Thee for our creation." But there is another side to this truth, and that a very dark one. We cannot be blind to the fact that in many, many cases life seems anything but a blessing; sickness