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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 General Diocesan Missionary in Minnesota is hereafter to be known as the Arch-deacon.

MRS. WELLES POLEY has sent a cheque for £4,000 for the Church House Building Fund.—*Church Bells.*

It has been decided to enlarge Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, to double its present capacity, in place of erecting a guild house, and the work has already been commenced.

AN interesting ceremony, according to the Sydney [New South Wales] *Morning Herald*, took place on Sunday, the 18th of June, when the first Protestant church in British New Guinea for English-speaking worshippers was opened for Divine service. It is a small [thirty-six feet by eighteen feet] but picturesque building, and stands on a good commanding site overlooking the harbor.

THE Lambeth Conference in 1888 spoke as follows: "The Bishops assembled in this Conference declare that the use of unfermented juice of the grape, or any other liquid than true wine, diluted or undiluted, as the element in the administration of the cup in the Holy Communion, is unwarranted by the example of our Lord, and is an unauthorized departure from the custom of the Catholic Church."

THERE was recently a novel offertory at the opening of a small native school church for Fingoes, at Xilixna, in Fingoland, South Africa. The gifts consisted of cash, £57 9s. 1d., a horse, horned and small cattle, grain, fowls, and tobacco. One hundred pounds in cash or kind were wanted, and they were made up. The gifts show a depth of earnestness in the natives which might well inspire emulation in some congregations at home.

MINNESOTA.—There are ten surpliced choirs in the diocese. They are in the following churches: St. Paul's, Christ, St. John's, Good Shepherd and St. Peter's, in St. Paul; St. Paul's, Gethesemane and St. Luke's, in Minneapolis; St. Paul's, Winona, and Christ church, Red Wing. If there are any others, let us hear from them. This is undoubtedly the coming choir in our churches. It has many and great advantages.—*Minnesota News.*

A RETURN of the religious persuasions in New South Wales shows their numbers and increase. The Church of England heads the list with an increase of 113,116 persons. The Roman Catholics exhibit an increase of 61,088, and the Presbyterians 23,423. The Unitarians and undescribed have decreased. The average attendants at public worship were—Church of England, 78,921; Roman Catholics, 84,619; and Presbyterians, 30,868.

THE Bishop of North Queensland, Australia, recently started on a long journey from the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria, and thence by Thursday Island to Cooktown. The distance

over land and sea is about 2,000 miles. The overland journey is very rough, as the road has only been lately opened. The Bishop's object is to station clergy at centres for mission excursions in their districts. His difficulty is considerable, as only a few people are settled, and townships are at great distances apart.

A WRITER in *The English Churchman* (London) on British Concessions to the Papacy says that it has often been publicly stated, not only on the platform, but also in the Press, and never yet been contradicted, that the Queen positively refused that one penny of her money should be given towards a jubilee gift to the Pope, to commemorate his fifty years' ministry as a priest in the Church of Rome, and that the whole proceeding was a gigantic sham, the Duke of Norfolk not only paying for the said golden vessels, but also bearing the entire expense of the embassy!

PETERBOROUGH [England] Cathedral was closed for public service on September 1st, in order to afford opportunity for the fittings to the interior to be erected uninterruptedly, so as to be ready on October 14th, the occasion of the reopening ceremony. When the Cathedral is reopened the public will be astonished to find how complete has been the restoration, particularly of the interior. It is now intended to floor the choir and sanctuary with marble, at a cost of £1,500, towards which Canon Argles has received a goodly amount, including £50 from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

PALESTINE.—A Manchester man has obtained a concession from the Sultan for a line from Damascus to the Bay of Acre, which will go on to Jaffa, and then be continued to Egypt. A Turkish Effendi has obtained a concession for a line in Syria, which has every prospect of being carried out. Colonists still continue to pour into the country; and a further impetus will be given by the persecution of the Jews in Russia. In England a society named Chovevi Zion is making progress. Meetings are held each Sunday evening in Whitechapel, London. Many Jews have joined. Each member pays 2d. a week. After a period a family or two is chosen by ballot, and then sent to Palestine. Land and implements will be bought. Agents in Palestine will advise or train the emigrants.

THE Bishop of Chester (Eng.) has just decided upon a new diocesan scheme. In a letter to his clergy he informs them that a diocesan society of 'Special Service' clergy has been established, and a warden appointed. The services performed by the 'Special Service' clergy are to be threefold: (1) To help in supplying the demands for trustworthy clerical assistance of a temporary kind, owing to the illness of parochial clergymen and like causes; (2) to act as organizing secretaries for the diocesan branch of the Church of England Temperance Society; (3) to undertake parochial missions. The Society at present numbers two clergymen, and it is hoped that they will be the nucleus around which those of the clergy who are interested in and qualified for temperance or mission work will consent to group their voluntary contributions of labor.

THE S.P.G. has just received a legacy of more than ordinary interest, of a kind which will specially interest naval readers. The testator is a superannuated coastguardsman, named William Clements, who lived for many years at Bembridge, Isle of Wight, Eng., and died there on April 20. By his will he left to the S.P.G. one third of all the money he had in any bank, besides a special legacy of £1 among some other £1 legacies, and the total amount of his gift was thus £7 14s. From some particulars of his life, given by the vicar of Bembridge, it appears he was born of poor parents, who died while he was young. He entered the Royal Navy, bearing a good character, and obtaining several medals for service in war. He eventually joined the coastguard, served his full time, and was superannuated. He and his wife were patterns of what Church people should be, and they always gave largely to Church missionary objects. His wife died nearly three years ago, and they had no children.

OPEN CHURCHES.—The Bishop of Chester, Eng. (Dr. Jayne), preaching at the reopening of St. Paul's Church, Sale, said: Our own experience told us that churches closed from Sunday evening until the following Saturday night seemed to be at variance with the free spirit of Christian life and devotion. Was not there something very chilling and very repulsive in going to some church and finding the doors locked, and having to search for the key, and then, as it were, be personally accompanied by some official of the church? How were they to distinguish such a system, which had from various causes grown upon us, but which, thank God, we were growing out of, from the systems of Nonconformity in the colder life? If they went to the days of Wesley himself, they would find that he was a Churchman through and through in his habits and exhortations with regard to daily worship. He asked them to pitch their standard of religious life and conduct high, and to realize this high ideal by patient, self-sacrificing effort. He did not mean by this long services. It was a very common thing at one time to have prayer and Litany and full Communion all together—perhaps followed upon a long Sunday school. Surely this long and accumulated service did a good deal in olden times towards making morning services unpopular and driving some people away altogether, or else to Dissenting places of worship.

CHARITY does not require of us that we should not see the faults of others, but that we should avoid all needless and voluntary observances of them, and that we should not be blind to their good qualities, when we are so sharp-sighted to their bad ones.

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