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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.

"OUR" CHURCH.—Addressing on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, a meeting at St. J. in aid of the Lichfield Diocesan Church Extension Society, the Earl of Harrowby said that in not a few districts workmen gave their work in the erection of the fabric of a church for nothing, such was their attachment to the clergy and the services of the Mission church. Then, the church, when completed, became not the parson's church or the squire's church or the rich man's church, but "our" church. That word "our" was the secret of the success of English institutions for the future. The more the work and position of the Church of England were sifted and investigated the more would its enormous value to the country be brought before the eyes of the whole nation. He was glad that the crisis had come; but they who believed in the enormous value of the Christian work of the Church must be very careful to inform their fellow countrymen of her true position. There were such strange notions abroad as to the wealth of the Church and the clergy that he had often thought a balance-sheet which showed on one side the endowments received by the clergy, and on the other the amount the clergy and their friends gave the Church out of their private funds, would startle many people by the smallness of the incomes many of the clergy received for the work to which they devote themselves. *It would be found that the clergy gave far more than they received.* Let them not lose courage in this time of crisis. It was the greatest mistake to suppose that they had to deal with an irreligious nation, for deep among the feelings of the English race was a widespread religious sentiment. Let not the Church hesitate for a moment to appeal to that feeling boldly and strongly, and when the people were brought to examine the matter from a religious point of view, they would see that the advantages of the Church to the nation were far too great to allow them to entertain it for one moment.

NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH IN COPENHAGEN.—In the year 1853 a committee was formed in Copenhagen, having for its object the erection of an Anglican Church, but after thirty years of effort it was announced that only £500 had been raised for the purpose. Two years ago the Prince and Princess of Wales took the matter in hand, with the result of a subscription of £3,000 in England, and the same amount in Denmark, and recently the foundation stone was laid by the Princess of Wales, who was accompanied by her husband, her royal parents, the Czar and Czarina of Russia, a most brilliant military and naval staff, and the clergy of the Russian and Danish Churches, the sailors from the *Osborne* forming a guard of honor.

The Princess struck the stone thrice, saying: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we lay this stone," and the Prince of Wales, doing likewise, declared in distinct and impressive tones:

"In the faith of Jesus Christ we fix this stone. We trust that inside the walls that shall be built thereupon, and be called by the

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the Rev. W. H. M. H. Aitken, writes as follows:—

First—Who and how many were present? There were sixty-eight clergymen present, and every shade of Churchmanship was represented, but perhaps the Evangelical wing of the Church was in the majority. One of these good men said last evening, after speaking of the great help he had received at these services, "But who would have thought five years ago that I would have attended one of these Retreats." He continued, "It would be a glorious thing for the clergy if we could have them every year." These words came from the lips of one of New York's most prominent Low Churchmen.

LORD HALIFAX ON "DISESTABLISHMENT."—The President of the English Church Union, in an address to the members of that body, says:—

In regard to the ambiguous term "Disestablishment," it cannot be repeated too often that Parliament cannot disestablish what it never established. The Church of England was never established by Parliament. It was in possession of the country before Parliament existed; neither was it endowed by Parliament. Its property is almost entirely the result of private benefactions. It has hitherto, like any other religious body, been protected in the enjoyment of that property by Parliament; and what recent proposals really mean is that in case of the Church of England alone such protection should cease, and that its property, or the greater portion of it, should be seized and applied to such other purposes as Parliament may think fit; or, to adopt a suggestion recently made in an influential quarter, that property given for the support of the Church and the spread of true religion shall be forcibly taken by the State and applied to the maintenance of a system of free education from which the distinctive teaching of the Church shall be rigorously excluded.

ENGLISH CUSTOM.—The Rev. Dr. Montgomery Schuyler writes from London to the *Church News* of St. Louis as follows:—

"The churches here are full. We attended at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral morning and afternoon, and while no doubt there were many mere curiosity seekers, yet the greater portion came with their Prayer Books to take part in the service. In all the churches I have attended, whether on weekday or on Sunday, the services have been choral, and in no case has there been a processional or recessional hymn sung. The choristers come in quietly, followed by the clergy, and take their places, all preceded by the vergers, and the service is begun after silent prayer. The singing is mostly plain music and hearty, and joined in by the mass of the congregation, while there is provision made for one elaborate anthem by the choir alone."

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name of St. Alban's, the true faith may be preached, and the sacraments properly administered, and the place forever be devoted to pious prayers and hymns to the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, He who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns from eternity to eternity. Amen."

The dedication to St. Alban was chosen because the relics of that holy man were brought from England to Denmark by King Canute, who placed them in a church erected to his memory.

NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH IN PARIS.—The Paris correspondent of *The Church Times* is eloquent on the splendor of the American Episcopal Church in the Avenue de l'Alma, which he characterizes as worthy of the great nation which it represents.

The building, which will probably be completed by Easter, is described as already presenting a noble and Cathedral-like aspect. The style is throughout pure Early English. The roofs of the chancel and aisles are of groined stone, but that of the nave of groined oak. The chancel wall is pierced with a lofty window filled with splendid representations of our Lord in glory.

"When finished, with its lofty tower and spire, it will present a church unique in Paris, superior in design and richness to St. Clothilde, the modern Gothic church of the French capital. Well may the Americans be proud of such a church, in the erection of which the main credit is certainly due to its indefatigable Rector, Dr. Morgan."

A RETREAT IN NEW YORK.—A correspondent of the *Church* (Philadelphia,) describing a Retreat for the Clergy, recently, conducted by