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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 office of Warden of St. Peter's College, Radley, has been given to the Rev. H. L. Thompson, rector of Iron Acton near Bristol.

ON the 18th, of Dec. the Bishop of Pennsylvania pronounced sentence of deposition on Howard T. Widdemer, in the presence of two presbyters as required by the Canon.

CHRIST CHURCH, Harpurley, has been reopened after being enlarged and completely restored. The improvements have been made at the sole cost of a lady who was formerly a parishioner.

A SCOTCH DEACONESS.—Lady Grizel Baillie, of Dryburgh Abbey, has been formerly admitted to the office of deaconess for the Presbytery of Selkirk. She is stated to be the first who applied for admission to this office in the Church of Scotland.

THE ordination by Bishop Howe of Mr. E. N. Holtings, a young negro theologian, to the diaconate, took place on Dec. 22nd, at St. Mark's Church, Charleston, S. C. Mr. Holtings is the second colored man who has taken holy orders in the diocese of South Carolina.

Bishop Gillespie, Bishop of Western Michigan, made a nine days' visitation in the diocese of Ohio last month, during which he confirmed sixty-nine persons, one of them being by a late Presbyterian minister, now a candidate for Holy Orders.

A new altar has been given by Mrs. Nightingale, of Shadingfield Lodge, to the Parish Church of Great Yarmouth, as a memorial of the late Mr. Samuel Nightingale. The altar is of teak, supported by solid oak pillars, and the panels are of solid mahogany.

A beautiful stained glass window has been placed in the south chapel of Lindfield Church in memory of Miss Ann Harriet Davis, of Walstead, Lindfield. The two lights represent scenes from the Acts of Mercy. 'I was a stranger and ye took me in,' and 'I was naked and ye clothed me.'

It may be true, but it savours of absurdity, that Bishop Barry is coming home to be coadjutor to the Bishop of Rochester. Undoubtedly he would be welcomed in that capacity, but the descent in point of dignity is very great. At present, he is virtually an Archbishop.—*The Family Churchman*.

SEVERAL churches in North Yorkshire are undergoing or have recently already undergone restoration, among them being Seamer Church, and Holy Trinity Church, Scarborough. St. Hilda's Church, Whitby, is to be completed at a cost of £2,500, and Winterringham Church, near Rillington, is to be restored.

WHY.—Forth five thousand copies a week says *The Living Church*, is a liberal estimate of the circulation of the five weekly Church newspapers in this country (i.e. the United States).

Counting five readers to each copy (and these are not all communicants), more than *one half our communicants know nothing of the work* and thought of the Church outside of their own parish or diocese.

[We believe the ratio in Canada is still less, Ed].

CLERGYMEN'S SONS.—Not only Lord Nelson, but also the two Admirals Hood, (afterwards Lords Hood and Bridport), and in later times, Commodore Goodenough, and Admiral Sir Richard Collinson, the Arctic voyager, were all clergymen's sons. Among seamen, there are the late Hobart Pasha, Lord Charles Beresford, and Sir Evelyn Wood. Among the lawyers, there are Lord Selborne and the late Lord Chancellor Thurlow and Lord Chief Justice Law. These indicate that clergymen's sons have played no inferior part in different callings.

THURSO, which has had no place of worship for members of the Anglican Communion for one hundred and twenty years, although it was once the seat of a Bishop of Caithness, will shortly have this want supplied, as a fine stone church, which will cost upwards of £2000 and accommodate two hundred people, is now rapidly approaching completion. The nearest place of worship belonging to a Church is twenty-two miles distant from Thurso. The people who are very poor and mostly engaged in fishing and agriculture, have contributed liberally towards the structure.

According to the testimony of the Bishop of Jamaica, Church work progresses in that island, although Mr. Gladstone withdrew state aid in 1870. The number of communicants is 30,000. Last year the contributions of the people—mostly colored—amounted to £20,000, and the endowment fund has reached £50,000. The education is mainly carried on by the Church, and one third of the marriages are of the Church. The training of the native clergy and the catechists is one of the chief pressing needs. The Bishop desires to make British Honduras into an independent Diocese.

At a crowded and hearty meeting, held in the mission room of St. John's, Isle of Dogs, the Bishop of Bedford received from the Rev. J. M. Stack, curate in charge of that parish, a cheque for no less than £160, which had been collected in boxes for the East London Church Fund. Of this total £72, 4s. 6d. was given by friends outside the parish, who had been stimulated into action by the example of the parishioners. If all East London parishes would aim at this result, which had been achieved by one of the poorer communities among them, the Bishop would be easily able not only to maintain what Bishop Walsham How began, but also to make adequate spiritual provision for the 700,000 people in Islington, Clerkenwell, and Shoreditch, who have been lately added to the East London District.

Australian Churchmen are much vexed at the home coming of Bishop Sandford. They contend that there are already too many ex-Australian bishops in England. The following

acts speaks for themselves. When Bishop Sandford has assumed the role of a "returned Colonial" there will be living in England two ex-Bishops of Melbourne, two ex-Bishops of Brisbane, two ex-Bishops of Tasmania, one ex-Bishop of Bathurst. The Australian Province now consists of thirteen Dioceses! Dr. Sandford is expected to be in England early next February. And this is not enough but it is even said that Bishop Barry the Primate is to return at Easter and take the position of assistant Bishop of South London! (Returned empties.)

OREGON is taking steps for admission as a Diocese at the next general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. It is now a missionary jurisdiction and has received the care of the Board of Missions for thirty-five years. It has acquired a fund of \$11,000, and the real estate value at \$20,000, towards the endowment of the Episcopate. Under the conditions of Mr. Harold Brown's gifts, it can claim an appropriate of \$10,000. This will give a very respectable start, which should call forth from the field at least \$20,000 more, giving the Bishop an assured support.

SOME SUNDAYS ABROAD.

A SUNDAY AT LINCOLN.

The change from the great city—the world's capital—to a cathedral town is of itself a preparation for the day of rest. The Sabbath quiet of the country surrounds one in place of the ceaseless hum and bustle of the crowded streets. The day of rest is indeed restful and the tourist at least will not question the wisdom of the Divine appointment of one day in seven with its freedom from toil,—its quiet opportunities for rest. The Sunday at Lincoln was one such as Herbert sung of:

Sweet day, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky.

We had reached this ancient town the evening before. We had climbed the steep ascent till the top was reached where the glorious Minster stood "on its sovran height." Our welcome at the Precentory was most grateful. The rain drops were falling, bringing to the parched plants a welcome refreshment. We did not pause longer than was requisite to remove the traces of travel and directly repaired to the Minster. Even-song had just begun and we took our places in the midst of a crowd of working men who had come, like ourselves to the Minster service and, like us were too late to find places in the choir. We found seats and kneeling cushions in the nave just outside the screen and directly all were reverently participating in the exquisite choral service going on in the choir. It is a special charm of the Church's worship that it depends not at all on the varying feelings or fancies of the officiating minister but is the same grand offering of praise and thanksgiving coming down to us from the earliest ages of the faith. We were making use of the devotions of the saints of all past time in our approach to our God as we knelt on the