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"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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## ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

**THE OXFORD MISSION TO CALCUTTA**—A meeting in connection with the Oxford University's Mission to Calcutta was held the evening of July 25th, in the Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road, London, England. Mr. J. T. Tabbot, M.P., presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Calcutta, the Bishop of Salisbury, and Sir Charles Turner. The Bishop of Calcutta said that the idea of the Oxford Brotherhood was that men who felt themselves called upon to do so should dedicate their lives absolutely to work in India for the benefit of the people with whom they might be brought in contact. He had found that men of the highest calibre, both intellectually and spiritually, were prepared to lay down everything in order to devote themselves to this work. They had formed themselves into a brotherhood, and had acquired great influence over the intelligent native community of Calcutta. At present the brotherhood was composed solely of Oxford men, but he hoped it might eventually become a native community. They now had a house in connection with the Mission, but they were anxious to improve it, and acquire an adjoining piece of land as a site for a Church and lecture-room. To do this they need £2,500, towards which sum £1,000 had already been collected, and £500 was promised by an anonymous donor, on the condition that another £500 could be raised. Addresses were also delivered by the Bishop of Salisbury and Sir Charles Turner.—*English Churchman*.

**NOT ALL ON ONE SIDE**—Wesleyan ministers in England like the clergy of the Established Church, are feeling the pinch of the times. The *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* says that circuits situated in agricultural districts are finding it impossible to support as large a staff of ministers as they did some few years ago. This is a matter which the annual Conference will need to take into serious consideration. Ways and means will have to be provided in order that certain circuits, in certain agricultural counties, shall not be forced to reduce their ministerial staff. Probably few, if any, students for the Wesleyan ministry will receive ministerial appointments this year. There is, moreover, a serious falling off, throughout the connection, of contributions to the supernumerary ministers and ministers' widows funds. All the Methodist bodies—not the Wesleyans only—are suffering in the same way, and probably it is this fact which is drawing the older and the newer sections more closely together at the present time, and bringing to the front the great question of "Union."

**SALISBURY**—The *Salisbury and Winchester Journal* publishes a statement showing the serious decrease that has taken place in the income of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury. In 1875 the Dean and Chapter, who had given up all sources of income which they previously

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possessed, were endowed with estates which were computed to produce a yearly income of £4,700. Owing to the depreciation of landed property, the income of the Cathedral body has been reduced to £3,200. This only furnishes an income of about £600 to the Dean, and of £300 to each of the canons residentiary, while there is only £1,000 available for the expenses of the establishment, instead of £1,700. It has, therefore, been found necessary to reduce the income of everyone receiving payments from the Cathedral funds.

**NARROW**—The *English Churchman* is responsible for the following:—"The Ritualists of the diocese have obtained the consent of Dr. How to present him with a pastoral staff—a silver gilt stick, chased, headed by a crook—which is to cost £110. A relative of Canon Brooke is the treasurer, and collecting cards have been issued throughout the diocese, subscriptions of a shilling being taken to make the movement popular. It is, however, being resented by the Low Churchmen, who have held a meeting and decided to make a bold stand against certain threatened innovations in the Cathedral service. A symbolical frontal to the pulpit is condemned, and also the Eastern position, which the Bishop favours."

**FURTHER EVIDENCE**—A correspondent of the *Church Year* affirms that the growth of the Church in Long Island in some respects is greater than in New York. Last year its confirmations 1,600, were one hundred in excess of the highest previous annual record, and twenty per cent was gained in parish missionary fields. Since the organization of the diocese its gain has been one hundred per cent, and that of New York twenty five per cent. In St. John's Hospital, the Home for the Aged, the Orphan's Home, the Sheltering Arms, St. Phoebe's Mission, and the Schools in Garden City, it shows a remarkable addition to its strength.

**VERY UNIQUE**—A unique ceremony was that at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, when a mortgage of \$30,000 was burned. There was a procession headed by the officers of the Church, while the tolling of the bell, twenty strokes, marked the age of the Church debt. Then the pastor and a few others made speeches, after which the mortgage was placed upon a large tin waiter and burned. This ritual was deemed a great success (!)

**BISHOP WORTHINGTON**, of Nebraska, is visiting such parts of Western New York as need Episcopal attention during the absence of Bishop Coxe. While the Bishop is truly upholding the honor and respect of the Church by his Christian and Apostolic spirit and teaching, he is also being met at every turn with sights of good work and growth in this diocese.—[Ex.]

**CHURCH MUSIC**—And so, the Catholic Church has ever deemed singing in public worship a

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very important thing; a thing not to be left to the regulation of individual fancy, but one provided for in many liturgical rubrics, and even in canons of Councils. Church singing has its own history, and its own literature, and its own art; and these are worth the study of a lifetime.—*Church Times*.

**PRINCELY BEQUEST**—The will of the late Mrs. James S. Waterman, of Sycamore, Ill., provides for the erection of a school for girls on the site of her house, and gives \$200,000 as a permanent endowment for the purpose of educating girls for the duties of Christian womanhood, in conformity to the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. The new school will be called "Waterman Hall."

**GENEROUS OFFER**—Mrs. Rushton, of Bowdon, has offered £2,000 towards the erection of a new church for the parish of Cloughfold, Rosendale, which was constituted a separate ecclesiastical district about two years ago.

**ANOTHER**—The Bishop of Central New York ordained to the priesthood, June 23, in Grace Church, Utica, the Rev. Robert E. Campbell, who came into the Church last winter from the Presbyterian body.

**GROWTH**—By the action of the recent Convention of the diocese of California, that diocese is to be divided, and Southern California set apart as a separate jurisdiction. This will give California three Bishops.

**PROPORTIONS**—The *Church News*, of St. Louis, has prepared statistics, showing the number of communicants in the different dioceses in proportion to the population. We take such as bear upon the Southern dioceses:

Alabama.....	one in every	271 of population.
Arkansas....	"	570 "
E. Carolina.	"	148 "
Easton.....	"	66 "
Florida.....	"	108 "
Georgia.....	"	505 "
Kentucky ...	"	286 "
Louisiana ...	"	211 "
Maryland...	"	30 "
Mississippi .	"	312 "
N. Carolina.	"	264 "
S. Carolina...	"	192 "
Tennessee ...	"	380 "
Texas.....	"	348 "
Virginia.....	"	95 "
W. Virginia.	"	236 "

**APPOINTMENT**—Mr. J. K. SHIRLEY, of Calgary, has been appointed Travelling Agent for this paper for Alberta and British Columbia, and is authorized to solicit and receive subscriptions and advertisements. We bespeak for him the cordial assistance of the Clergy and Laity of The Church.

WE WANT a Correspondent and Agent in every Deanery, and in the large cities. It is suggested to us that the Clergy should choose such an one.