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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph.
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude R.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES

BISHOP TEMPLE undertook the three hours' service at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng., on Good Friday, because of the death of Canon Aubrey Moore, who had originally been appointed.

It is intended to abolish the Canonry at Westminster, at present held by Dr. Westcott, with the object of providing funds for the new *campo santo* at Westminster Abbey.

The consecration of Dr. Westcott to the see of Durham will take place at Westminster Abbey on Ascension Day, May 15, by the Archbishop of York. There will probably be a very large gathering of prelates.

PEW RENTS.—Don't forget that *almsgiving is an Act of Worship*. Paying pew rents is not giving to God, but merely the paying for the privilege of having a particular seat always kept for you.—*The American Church*.

THE Rev. Alfred Robert Tucker, the new Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, is to be consecrated on St. Mark's day, April 25. He will start for his diocese, *via* Brindisi, the same evening, and expects to reach Mombasa on May 17.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Nichols, Bishop-elect of California. The consecration will take place at St. James' Church, Philadelphia, early in June, and a few days after, Dr. Nichols will start for California, arriving there on or about June 15th.

TOWARDS the Bishop Lightfoot Memorial about £3,500 have already been subscribed, the principal donors being the Dean and Chapter of Durham £1,000, the Archbishop of Canterbury £50, the Dean of Durham £100, the Earl of Durham, Lord Londonderry, the Duke of Cleveland, and Viscount Boyne, £250 each.

A SOUTH WALES, G. B. rector states that his gross income in three years amounted to £400, and he gave back in ten per cent, remission £14 in three years. The unpaid tithe which he does not expect ever to receive amounts to over £158. Thus he was left with a clerical income of something over £30 per annum.

THE directory of the Scottish Episcopal Church for 1890, gives a very full exhibit of the work of the Church in Scotland, and in the matter of statistics shows an increase of strength. There are seven dioceses; Bishop Jermyn, of Brechin, being the Primus. There are 304 churches and mission stations, served by 267 working clergy, 141 parsonages, 12,210 day scholars, 17,872 Sunday scholars, and 35,800 communicants.

CHURCH GOING.—We must go to church for a definite blessing, to be quickened in holy things; to learn our duty, to receive grace, and then to go away to our homes, to household cares, to the struggle of life, to its business, and show that we are disciples of the Lord

Jesus, by increased cheerfulness, by patience with servants and children and employees; by gentleness and sweetness of tongue and temper; in a word, by exhibiting everywhere more of the mind of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE Bishop of Rochester has started a diocesan movement for promoting higher education in the things of religion. The object of this movement 'is to be the encouragement of systematic study of biblical, ecclesiastical, and liturgical subjects; on definite lines, for which purpose classes, lectures, and lending libraries will be arranged for, and examination papers set at the end of each year.'

THE latest confirmation statistics for England and Wales show a continued and general progress in almost every diocese, and a considerable improvement in the total results. The number of persons confirmed has risen from 198,164 in 1884 to 225,776 in 1889. Taking the whole of England and Wales for the triennial period 1887-8-9, there was an annual average of 220,396 persons confirmed, or one confirmation for each 118 of the population.

THE Dean of Rochester, in an evening sermon on a recent Sunday at Rochester Cathedral, spoke about the absentees from public worship. He named some of the excuses for this absenteeism. A man stayed at home to read his Sunday newspapers, which the Dean characterized as the latest insult that had been applied to the Lord's Day, and the latest burden that had been put upon the life of the working man. Or he stopped at home to read a novel, or to look at his bank-book, or to do scores of other things for which he neglected his duty of listening to the message of God. Or those who say that they can worship as well at home as in church the Dean asked, 'Can they?' He doubted whether at home they could feel the glorious sympathy of Christian love which was felt by those who gathered within the Cathedral walls.

GOOD WORDS for April will contain the first of a series of papers by Mr. Gladstone, entitled, 'The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture.'

IN the following striking sentence the aim which the papers have in view is declared to be to show that 'the Scriptures are well called the Holy Scriptures, and that though assailed by camp, by battery, and by mine, they are nevertheless builded upon a rock, and that rock impregnable; that the weapon of offence which shall impair their efficiency for practical purposes has not yet been forged; that the sacred canon, which it took, perhaps, two thousand years from the accumulations of Moses down to the acceptance of the Apocalypse to construct, is like to wear out the storms and the sunshine, and all the wayward aberrations of humanity, not merely for a term so long, but until time shall be no more.'

ALMSGIVING.—Can you fulfil this duty, without imposing upon yourself certain restrictions, the definite surrender of certain indulgences, the money saved by which may be devoted to the relief of God's poor? I am sure, at all events, that this is the best method

of securing the fulfilment of the duty, and I earnestly exhort you to adopt it. Fix upon some good object. Lay by a certain sum (the amount is immaterial, so long as the giving of it is a self-denial) every week, or every day; and at Easter bring it with you to the Church, to be laid upon the altar of God, with the devoted resolve in your hearts—"I will consecrate my gain unto the Lord; and my substance unto the Lord of the whole earth." Oh! if we all adopted this practice, the offertory would not be such a form as it is at present, people just giving in such a manner, as that, while they maintain respectability, they may not really feel the sacrifice.—*Dean Goulburn*

THE 'Old Catholic' movement in Germany has had another blow, which, in Bavaria at least, threaten its very existence. Lately we referred to the decision of the Bavarian Government that the Old Catholics in the archdiocese of Munich would not be in future recognized as members of the Roman Catholic Church. Similar decisions, it is expected, will be arrived at in the other Bavarian dioceses, and an active and aggressive attempt to harass and persecute the members of the Old Catholic body is apparently about to commence. They are now not allowed to assemble for worship, and no two families may meet to worship together. This means that, except those families who have a private chapel, the Old Catholics will be debarred altogether from the privileges of collective worship. Truly the Roman Church learns nothing and forgets nothing. To-day in Europe and America she continues to give abundant proofs that it is fortunate for us here in England that our fathers shed their blood and laid down their lives to free us from her yoke. The cardinal sin of the Old Catholics is that they cannot accept the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope. It is anticipated that the effect of the persecution will be the extinction of the Old Catholics in Bavaria.—*Church Bells*.

LET US ANCHOR OUR CHURCHES AND MAKE THEM FREE.

The latest contribution, that we have seen to the controversy on the 'Free Church' question, is a little *brochure* under the above title, from the pen of the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, D.D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York. The author is well known in Canada, having been for some time connected with St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. There is a good deal in the name or title of a book or pamphlet; and we have no doubt that the title of this will attract many. Though we do not find any new or very striking argument advanced, the old ones are well and forcibly put by Dr. Rainsford. In brief but terse terms he meets the objections made to free pews; and points out the arguments in their favor more than sufficient in his opinion to counter balance the admitted advantages of rented pews. Referring to existing church buildings, and the way