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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 health of the Archbishop of Canterbury has much improved.

THE Hon. and Rev. Augustus Legge, Vicar of Lewisham, has been nominated Bishop of Lichfield.

Mrs. STEPHENSON CLARKE, late of West Croydon, bequeathed £5,000 to various church purposes.

ONE special feature of the Church Congress this year at Rhyl will be the large number of lay speakers.

THE Archdeacon of London preaches in German fluently. This is a unique accomplishment for an English clergyman.

LORD ST. OSWALD has expended £30,000 in building a new church at Sounthorpe, on his North Lincolnshire estate, and Lady St. Oswald has presented the church with a communion service of solid gold.

WE learn from the *Record* that another work of Thomas a Kempis has lately been brought to light and authenticated. The title is, *De Vita Christi Meditationes*. It has been translated and edited by two clergymen, and is now in the press. This announcement will certainly arouse great interest in a very wide circle.

IN celebration of the 190th anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a special service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, the preacher for the occasion being the Bishop of Derry. The Bishop preached a striking sermon on the universality of the instincts which testify to Christianity.

THE death is announced, in his 94th year, of the Rev. Thomas Pearse, M.A., one of the oldest clergymen in the Church of England. Mr. Pearse graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge, in the year the Queen was born; he was ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln in 1820, and had been vicar of Westoning, Woburn, Beds, nearly seventy years. He never communicated except fasting.

THE annual Conference of Branch Secretaries of the Girl's Friendly Society was held on Friday at the Portman Rooms, Baker street, London, when the opening address was given by the Bishop of Marlborough. The report for 1890 gave the following statistics: Members, 132,084; candidates, 32,219; associates, 28,907; branches, 1,065; parishes, 6,013. The Society has 54 lodges and 222 recreation rooms.

ONE of the first and most interesting engagements of the new Archbishop of York will be the reopening, after restoration, of Selby Abbey. This venerable edifice has been in the hands of the restorers for many years, and the task has proved as difficult as it was fruitful of historic interest. Selby completes the trio of great Abbey Churches spared by Henry VIII, which have been restored within recent years, St. Albans and Tewkesbury being the others.

THE hearing of the arguments in the appeal of the Church Association against the judgment of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Bishop of Lincoln's case have been completed and judgment reserved. Nearly a week was occupied, and throughout the Lords of the Privy Council kept counsel for the appellants well occupied in answering questions the bearing of which did not appear to favor the appeal.

A FEW months ago a statement was circulated that the Bishop of Sydney had refused to turn to the east at the Creeds. A friend of the Bishop's wrote to him to inquire concerning the truth of the matter. In reply, the Bishop says that he never refused to turn to the east at the Creeds, and that his practice is to conform to the custom of the particular church in which he may be officiating.

THE Old Catholics of Lucerne have raised \$25,000 for the purpose of building a church. The Americans, who have held services in a hotel, have raised \$5,000 for the building and will have the joint use of the church. This is the first time for nearly 300 years that the English Church has entered into formal relations with any of the Continental Churches. It is also a sign of life in Swiss Old Catholicism. Many Christians will watch with interest the growth of closer relations between the English Church and her sister Churches of the Continent.—*Living Church*.

WE have been told that the Romanists of Boston rejoice at the election of Dr. Brooks. Perhaps they have their reasons for their elation. But the editor of the *Catholic Review*, of Brooklyn, asks these pertinent questions:

'One cannot help asking; if a man who utterly repudiates the Historic Episcopate can be a Bishop in good standing, where is the consistency of requiring that episcopate as an indispensable condition of Christian Union? If a man who utterly rejects the Historic Episcopate can consistently be made a bishop, why should not outsiders who reject the doctrine be admitted to communion?'—*Living Church*.

THE Bishop of London is sending a circular round his diocese soliciting subscriptions towards a clergy pension fund. The Bishop says: 'A very large number of the clergy have incomes of less than £200 and many of less than £150 a year, and it needs no argument to show that to maintain a household and at the same time to lay by for the future out of such incomes is practically impossible. The result is to reduce many to the pitiable alternative of either continuing to hold whatever benefices they are holding long after they are unfit to discharge their duties, or to resign and find themselves in the direst poverty.'

Mrs. THOMSON unveiled in the chancel of the Sheffield Parish Church on Monday evening a marble bust of the late Archbishop of York, which had been erected by the workmen of Sheffield, with the following inscription on the plate: 'In loving and grateful memory of the Right Honorable and Most Reverend William Thomson, D.D., Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan, who en-

tered into rest on December 25th, 1890, aged 81; this bust was erected by the working people of Sheffield, who ever recognized in him a great leader of thought, a brave and noble defender of the Christian faith, and a true and sympathizing friend.'

JAPAN.—The resolutions at the recent Synod of the Church in Japan show clearly a strong desire to prevent innovations. Suggested alterations were not approved, and Committees were appointed to prepare a preface to the Prayer-Book, a Lectionary, and to revise the calendar, to revise the Ordinal and occasional offices, to maintain a Standard Prayer Book, and to appoint a custodian of the same, to provide for the admission of catechists, and also for the appointment and work of deaconesses; to enlarge the Mission Society, and to place all the districts now under the foreign clergy under this society; to provide for the collation and publication of the history of the Church. The Japanese Church is at present clearly a conservative Church.—*Church Bells*.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION.

A distinguished Clergyman of Boston has sent us the following circular letter which he permits us to print:

Dear Sir,—It is everywhere proclaimed that we of the Clergy in Massachusetts quite en masse signed Dr. Brooks' testimonial; which is by no means true. For example, Dr. Shinn, in *The Churchman* of May 30th, says 'nearly every clergyman of Massachusetts signed' it; that journal editorially says (June 6th), 'his canonical testimonials are unanimously signed by the whole convention at which he is chosen.'

The last published journal of Convention contained 191 names of our clergy. Dr. Brooks received 92 votes, or less than half the number of votes that there are number of clergy. There were 154 clerical ballots, of which he received 92. The number of clerical signers to the testimonial was 115, which is much less than a two-thirds of 'every clergyman of Massachusetts,' and by no means the 'unanimous' signatures of the clergy at the Convention. Further: some of the signatories, in the haste and confusion of scouring names, appended their names under the supposition that the paper was purely 'declaratory,' and the signing simply attestative to the fact of the election.

My sole object is to have these facts known to you, and to clear myself and others of the clergy of the imputation that we 'unanimously' signed 'testimonials,' which I regard as a most serious document, involving vastly more than mere attestation.

As the press trumpets everywhere that this Diocese was or is practically unanimous in its personal sentiments, may I say, that the statements in *The Living Church* of May 16th, in the letter 'How did it come about?' are correct. Of the retiring Standing Committee, a single member (a layman) voted for Dr. Brooks; of the new Standing Committee, chosen after the election of a Bishop but one (a layman) voted for Dr. Brooks. The President and both the