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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—2. Th. vi. 24.  
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

**TRURO CATHEDRAL.**—Our late English Exchanges devote much space to the opening services of the Cathedral. The services must have been very impressive. Twenty Bishops were present, more than five hundred Clergy, the Prince of Wales, and a very large number of representative Cornish laymen. The occasion was marked by unbounded enthusiasm. It was a day memorable in the annals of the Church of England.

The Sermons of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London, which were given in full in the *Family Churchman*, are great efforts.

The Bishop of London, in his stirring sermon—which bids for equal fame with that of the Archbishop—set himself to answer the question of individualism in religion. "What is the true answer?" he asked, and he answered in a word, "Catholicity." In the New Testament the Church flows out of the Lord, not flows into Him. In the New Testament the life and power which constitutes the Church begin above, and not here on earth. In the New Testament the ministers are sent forth to bring the children of men within the fold, and are not simply selected by the members of the Church to help them in their spiritual life." There is the whole controversy in a nutshell. And what is the lesson which it conveys: "Every variety of impulse towards Him, whatever men have and can use in the service of the Lord, ought to find its place in the Catholic Church of Christ. . . . If there be those who find that one kind of worship suits them best, they shall not be able to say that they cannot find it in the Church of Christ." And the purpose of the *Apostolic succession* is "to link the Church from generation to generation by steps that cannot be mistaken, from the first appointment to the Apostles by our Lord. . . . to make men feel the unity of the body as it comes down the stream of history."

LONDON is to have another Suffragan Bishop. The Drapers' Company have been asked to allow the income of St. Michael's, Cornhill, to be set apart for the maintenance of a Bishop—probably for North east London—in the same way that St. Andrew's Undershaft supports the Bishop of East London. To this the patrons have acquiesced, and the Crown will appoint

from a list of three names—two supplied by the Company, and one by the Bishop of London.

The consecration of the Cathedral at Truro is the first instance of the kind in England since the Reformation. There have been built in Scotland, Ireland, and the colonies cathedrals of varying size and magnificence during the last quarter of a century; but in recent times no such event as the consecration of a newly founded cathedral has taken place in the Church of England. If we go back beyond the Reformation we find the last instance of a newly built and consecrated cathedral at Salisbury, dedicated in 1258. But here there was but the moving of the cathedral body from the site at Old Sarum to the new spot at Salisbury where they built the cathedral. Indeed, for a similar instance to that of Truro we are carried back to the ninth, eleventh, or twelfth centuries, when new cathedrals like Wells (909) Norwich (1096), and Ely (1109) were founded, in some cases absorbing portions of earlier monastic and parish churches, much in the same way as Truro Cathedral has taken into itself the parish church of St. Mary.

Never weary in well doing, the Bishop of Bedford's last piece of pastoral work was to visit a common lodging-house in Nichol's-row, Shoreditch, where he gave a simple and interesting address to the inmates, who were much impressed and also greatly surprised to think that a real live Bishop should visit them.

GENERAL Sir Richard Wilbraham, K.C.B., and Mr. George Berrington Biker, of Rode Hall, Stoke upon Trent, have been appointed by the Bishop of Chester as licensed lay readers for his Diocese. Sir Richard Wilbraham has long held a similar commission from the Bishop of London.

BISHOP Moberly's memory is not likely soon to be forgotten. A small altar-desk has been presented to Salisbury Cathedral by those who during the late Episcopate successively acted as "Bishop's Boy."

At the annual meeting of the Synod of Down and Connor and Dromore, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese stated that in Belfast they had eighteen or twenty churches and about thirty clergymen, and a Church population of about 60,000, showing an average to each church of 3,000 souls. Two handsome churches were built and consecrated in the present year, at a cost of £8,000, and an iron church had been opened the previous Saturday. Eight parishes in the Diocese of Dublin raised during the year in voluntary contributions over £2,000 each, Christ Church (Leeson Park) taking the lead with £2,755; and ten churches or districts over £1,000 each, Bray taking the lead with £7,973. The total sum raised by eighty-six parishes and districts of the diocese in 1886 amounts to £60,126. The subscription to foreign missions amounted to £1,864. On the other hand, at the Diocesan Synod of County Armagh, his Grace the Archbishop said that whereas in 181 there were 73,000 of Church population, there were now only 68,000, but he deemed the decrease wholly accounted for by emigration.

ALTHOUGH the Bishop of Rochester has only just returned from a four months' tour in Canada for the benefit of his health, his condition still gives cause for anxiety. His medical adviser has carefully considered his case, and insists on the following points in regard to future work: It is absolutely necessary to cut down Sunday work to the lowest possible amount; all extraneous work not necessary to Episcopal duty should be carefully avoided, and seclusion from cold or strong winds and fogs. If these instructions are adhered to the doctor hopes that his Lordship may be fit to resume active duty next summer.

"There can be no doubt," writes Mr. Gladstone (October 30, 1887.—dates are important in this connection), "that the Church in Wales is organically united with the Church in England, and herein that it differs from the Church of Ireland, whose union with that in England depended upon and was abolished by the Statute of Disestablishment."

THE Diocesan Synod of Sydney has decided to raise next year—the centenary of the colony—a fund to be devoted to the advancement of permanent Church work.

BUFFALO.—S. Paul's Church has taken a long step in the right direction by the establishment of Daily Morning and evening Prayer, and a Sunday Evening Service at 7.30 o'clock in addition to the afternoon service of that day, both of them being choral. The Church with the best position in the city for night services, is well filled, and the result must be for great good.

SARATOGA SPRINGS.—An important memorial reredos and altar have recently been erected in Bethesda Church. The reredos is of antique oak, elaborately carved, with three decorative panels, the central one of which represents the "Good Shepherd," and those at the sides, figures of adoring angels. Below is a long scroll of elaborate design on which is carved appropriate texts. On either side of the altar are intricately carved panels, one bearing a text and the other the memorial inscription as follows: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas J. Marvin, Harriot Marvin, Grace C. Marvin." The altar has been carried out in Schuylkill marble, with elaborate mosaic treatment, the central symbolism being the *Chi Rho* with a palm branch.

THE fourth annual Choir Festival of the Diocese of Milwaukee, was the most satisfactory ever held in Milwaukee. Eleven choirs, representing the Cathedral and the parishes of Beloit, Delavan, Racine, Waukesha, Watertown, Tashotah, Trinity Church, Jamesville, St. Edmund's and Christ Churches, Milwaukee, and St. John's Academy, DeLafayette, assembled at the Cathedral on Saturday, the 5th inst. Four other surprised choirs in the Diocese were unable to attend.

The processional hymn was Macfarren's "With Gladsome Feet we Press," sung in harmony. The stirring strains arising from the choirs, with the heavy accompaniment, produced a powerful effect, while the unusual spectacle of