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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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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

["I saw a new heaven and a new earth."—
Rev. xxi, 1.]

If we, this new-born year,
Could live to Him—
Love simple and sincere,
Faith never dim—
New green should overspread
The meadows brown :
New gracious skies o'erhead
Look smiling down :
Our dull life kindled to a strange new worth,
We, too, should cry, "Behold! new heaven and
earth!"

—Frederick Langbridge.

WORTHY OF NOTE.—Just at the close of the last year (says the *Church Record*, Conn.), the Church Building Fund of the P. E. Church of the U. S., has received its most important and welcome addition. It may be remembered that the commission passed a resolution last spring providing that every donation of \$5,000 or more should be preserved as a separate fund by such name as the donor designed, thereby suggesting an admirable kind of memorial. Soon after that, a zealous and generous Churchman of Kansas City, whose modesty forbids the mention of his name, made known his intention to establish one of these funds, to be known as the "Bishop Robertson Memorial Fund," and to place therein a large sum of money. Last week the arrangements were completed, and \$30,000 in bonds were placed in this fund, with the promise of a considerable addition in the future.

Thus this splendid benefaction will remain forever, in all the activity and usefulness in Church building, as a memorial of the late Bishop of Missouri. It would be difficult to imagine a more lasting and satisfactory form of monument. It is a peculiar circumstance that this munificent donation, greatly exceeding any before received by the Building Fund, and larger than the combined offerings of all the parishes in the East during the last three years, comes from the far West, beyond the Mississippi, from a region which has itself scarcely ceased to be a missionary ground. It shows how the work of this Fund is appreciated in the section where it is best known; and at the same time it is an effective answer to the croakers among us who answer applications for domestic mission work by saying: "We are tired of this continual begging for the West. Why don't it help itself?"

HOSPITAL SUNDAY in New York, when the annual collection for the sick poor is made fell this year on Christmas Day. "The Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association of New York," took up its first collection in 1870. So far the organization has done a good work. During the past year the associated hospitals cared for 13,920 bed patients, of whom 10,157 were free patients, besides operating upon and giving medical aid to 119,124 free dispensary patients. The expenses of this work amounted to \$740,722.27; to meet which there was an income from invested funds of \$142,147.85; an income from the city of \$56,365.51, leaving the sum of \$542,218.21 to be raised from the bene-

volent. In 1879 the collection on this occasion amounted to \$26,455.07, last year to \$53,051.98.

The following is from the annual address of the Bishop of Quincy:

St. John's Church, Chillicothe, land and building, were conveyed to Jonathan Stowell Esq., warden in trust, for the benefit of the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church. On Aug. 18, 1885, for the consideration of one dollar, the trustee sold the same to the wardens and vestry, giving the names of all St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church. On the 28th of the same month they sold the whole property to the Roman Bishop of Peoria, for \$900, I refrain from publicly characterizing this transaction.

The infant daughter of Princess Beatrice, who was baptized according to the Scottish form at Balmoral, will be formally received into the Church of England at Windsor Chapel.

Mr. Howard Gill, incumbent of the English Church in the Rue d'Agnesseau, Paris, declares that the late Lord Lyons had attended that Church regularly for twenty years. "I avow my firm conviction," he says, "that while he was among us here Lord Lyons remained true to the Church of England." No official necessity obliged him to attend this Church. His attendance was purely voluntary, and he always carried his Prayer-book with him, sending a servant for it when at any time he left it behind. Lord Lyons was a single Protestant in a Roman Catholic household. He had no wife to confirm him in his allegiance to his Church; no son nor daughter to restore him to what in the days of his vigour, he would have bestowed on them—he was absolutely alone among his Roman Catholic kinsmen, and he was yearning for peace and rest. The result is well known. Shortly before the end he was made a Roman Catholic. "I have nothing to say about such a proceeding," continued the preacher. "It may be in accordance with the practice of that Church; but I thank God it is not in accordance with the practice of our own!"

PETERBOROUGH has had to follow Gloucester, Canterbury, and Bangor in reducing by 10 per cent. the salaries of its officials, from Dean to verger. The only wonder is that Diocese has suffered most heavily from the tithe agitation.

CHURCH Building activity has extended to Russia, where, during the past twelve months, do less than 439 new churches and 164 "prayer-house" (or chapels of ease) have been erected.

The S. P. C. K. will shortly publish what is expected will be a most interesting and exhaustive history of the Church of New Zealand. Some time since the Society resolved on issuing a series of histories of the Colonial Churches, and the editorial secretary asked the Primate of New Zealand to appoint a competent person to write the New Zealand number. He brought the matter before General Synod, and the Synod invited the Dean of Christ Church, Dr. Henry Jacobs, to undertake the task. The Dean has

sent most of the MS. to the Society, and as he is a skilful writer and knows his subject well, we may expect a valuable book.

WORCESTER.—A ten days mission has been held in five of the Coventry parishes. Among the missionaries were Canon Bullock, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds; Canon Temple, Rector of Oswaldkirk, York; Rev. C. E. Jarvis, Rector of Hatton, Wrexley, Lincolnshire; Rev. N. Keymer, Rector of Headon, Notts; and Rev. W. Haslam. At the Churches of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity, as well as St. Peter's, a mission will take place in Lent.

It is stated that the Duke of Newcastle will present a cross for the new altar at St. Paul's Cathedral. Messrs. Bodley, and Garner have designed it, and the cost will be £600.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS TO THE CHURCH.—The late Denis Crofton, Esq., of Mountjoy-square, Dublin, has bequeathed a sum of £10,000 to the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland. He has also, we understand, left a sum of £14,000 to found in Africa a Missionary Institution bearing his name. The late Mrs. Catherine Bradley, formerly of Little Castle, Castlecomer, who died on the 17th of October last, has by her last will and testament, and a codicil thereto, bequeathed the sum of £200 to the County Kilkenny Protestant Orphan Society; £100 to the Hibernian Bible Society; £100 to the Clergy Sons' Society; £400 to the Rev. W. E. Burroughs, incumbent of the Mariners' Church, Kingston, same to be applied by him for such charitable or other purpose in connection with said Church as he should think fit; £100 to the Sustentation fund of Castlecomer parish Church; and £50 to the Irish Scripture Readers' Society.

CANON LIDDON ON THE S. P. G.—On the afternoon of the third Sunday in Advent, Canon Liddon preached in St. Paul's Cathedral on behalf of this noble Society, and concluded his sermon as follows:

I ask you, then, my brethren, to give your generous support this afternoon to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the oldest association for missionary work in the Church of England. Incorporated under King William III., it has since his days counted among its advocates and supporters almost every single name that has been held in honour in the English Church. With a history that now approaches the completion of its second century, it has necessarily done more than any other body for the expansion of our portion of the Kingdom of Christ; and if of late its claims have been somewhat lost sight of, this is largely because, in things human, all recent enterprise is generally more attractive, if not always more effective, than that which dates its origin from an earlier time. But it is not creditable to us as a Church that this great Society should be straitened in its resources; it is not for the honour of our Saviour that a tried means of propagating His Gospel should be lost sight of. Think for a moment even of part of what has been achieved. In Australia, New Zealand, Canada, this Society has nurtured