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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.

TWENTY-EIGHT nationalities are represented among the students at the University of Pennsylvania.

AN anonymous donor has offered £1,000 towards the lengthening of St. Andrew's Church, Taunton.

THE Earl and Countess of Meath are visiting South Australia on behalf of the Ministering Children's League.

THE value of the personal estate of the late Rev. Henry Allon, D.D., of Union Chapel, Islington, has been sworn at £27,556.

LAST year only 2,710 out of 5,086 congregations of the P. E. Church in the United States contributed to General Missions.

UNDER the will of the late Miss Ann Heaton, of Southport, the Liverpool Diocesan Finance Association has become possessed of a legacy of over £5,000.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY was thronged at the choral service commemorating the 194th anniversary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

THE Bishop of Michigan has confirmed 800 persons since April 1st; and the number for the entire convention year will exceed that of any other in the history of the diocese.

THE death is announced of Dr. Philip MacLagan, brother of the Archbishop of York. He was a distinguished botanist, and also interested himself in religious and philanthropic movements.

ON Ascension Day, at St. James', Northampton, Eng., Rev. T. Taylor—formerly Congregationalist minister Brackley—was publicly admitted by the Bishop of Leicester to the office of lay reader.

AT the ordination held in the diocese of Idaho on the 29th May Messrs. Samuel J. Jennings and John M. Johnston, late Congregational ministers, were ordered deacons; being presented to the Bishop by the priest in charge.

DIocese of CHICAGO.—The confirmations for the past year were reported by the Bishop as more numerous than any previous one and larger than in any other diocese west of Pennsylvania.

THE honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon the Right Rev. Henry Potter, Bishop of New York, at the last Convocation, at Oxford. He was presented for the degree by Dr. Ince, the Regius Professor of Divinity.

BISHOP NELSON, in his first address to the Georgia diocesan Convention, orders that there shall be no evening communions, no funerals on Sunday, and no marriages during Advent and Lent.

STATISTICS show that in the last class graduated from Amherst, the non-smokers, during their college course, gained over the smokers, in weight, 24 per cent., in height, 37 per cent., in chest girth, 42 per cent., and in ^{Dr. Willis,} ^{100 Paper at} ¹⁸⁸⁷ 8.36 cubic inches.

DR. RAINSFORD believes that the best way to fight the saloon would be for Christian men to open respectable saloons, where only beer and light wines could be procured, and where all the social advantages and none of the disadvantages of the "poor man's club," as it now exists, would be found.

THE growth of St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn would seem to afford strong argument in favor of free seats. In 1887 the number of families was 173, in 1892, 339; individuals in 1887, 727; in 1892, 1360; communicants 401 and 989 respectively; Sunday school 351 and 772 respectively. In 1886 the amount raised was \$9,841.54 and in 1892, over \$20,000.

AT Bay City, (Mich.) Bishop Davies confirmed 71 persons on the Sunday after Ascension. One notable fact is that in age they ranged from 12 to 80. Most were adults and many were men. The youngest brought into the church his father, mother, and six brothers and sisters.

THE Rev. H. Tatlock, rector of St. Andrew's Church Ann Arbour, has presented 195 candidates for Confirmation since 1890. Of the whole number 77 were men, 69 were women, 23 were boys, and 26 were girls. The number of adults was three times as great as that of the children; 62 were heads of families; 51 were students of the University; 121 came from other religious bodies.

THE Countess of Carlisle has for many years invited some fifteen hundred or two thousand children from the slums of Leeds to spend a fortnight's holiday in farmhouses and cottages in the neighbourhood of her country seat in Cumberland. Not only has she borne most of the expense of this kind deed from her private purse (collecting the rest from her personal friends), but the good Countess has given also—what is more than money—personal care and trouble. She herself visits constantly the homes to which she sends the children, and she also frequently accompanies the parties of ragged youngsters on their railway journeys, taking them from and restoring them to their mothers.

WOMEN who want votes will be interested in knowing that in Boston, the city of culture and Quakerism, the ladies have issued a paper called *The Remonstrance*, in which is the following declaration:—"The great majority of our sex do not want the ballot, and to force it upon them would not only be an injustice to women, but would lessen their influence for good, and imperil the community."

ARCHDEACON DENISON has, says the London correspondent of the *Birmingham Post*, resigned in connection with the English Church Union, which he has been connected for forty-seven years. He leaves that body because its refusal to condemn the higher criticism, as advocated by Mr. Gore and others, seems to him subversive of the Church of England's belief in the integrity of Divine authority of Holy Scripture.

THE St. Anne's, Soho, *Parish Magazine* contains notices in English, French, German, Scandinavian, and Yiddish, of weekly social meetings at which provision is made for conversation with foreigners in their own languages. It is also announced that baptisms, churchings, and marriages can be solemnised in any of these languages.

AT the meeting of the Church Defence Institution, held on Monday, May 23rd, at Cambridge, the Bishop St. Asaph gave a cheering account of the state of Church matters in his diocese. He said that the attendance of children at National Schools was 19,000, against 14,000 at all the other elementary schools. Nonconformity failed to provide a residential pastorate in country districts, there being, in the diocese of St. Asaph, ninety parishes out of 208 without a resident Nonconformist minister; while for 330 Methodist chapels, there were only seventy pastors.

THE Presbyterian Church of Ireland has addressed the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Edinburgh inviting the sympathy and co-operation of their Scottish brethren in the resistance they are offering to the projected Home Rule. The letter states that they had long been threatened with an Irish legislature and executive, of which four-fifths would be Roman Catholics dominated by the Romish hierarchy. Should such a catastrophe ever occur through the rashness of any statesman, it would mean the extinction of religious liberty in their unfortunate island, and the imminent peril of both life and property. The parliament would be one in which Protestants would be utterly powerless and helpless. They had confidence however, that if the crisis came, their kith and kin would maintain the right, defend the truth,