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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.

A SCHEME is now being promoted to establish a high-grade Church School for Wales, to be located at Bangor. A limited liability company is being formed with a capital of £40,000, towards which the Duke of Westminster has consented to contribute £10,000.

So wonderful is the power of the Church in attracting to herself adherents from every class, condition and creed represented in the nation's complex population that a recent class confirmed by Bishop Potter in New York city contained one Jew, one Baptist, two French Protestants, three Unitarians, three Congregationalists, seven Methodists, nineteen Romanists, twenty-eight Presbyterians, and fifty-two Lutherans. Another class in a remote corner of the same diocese numbered seventy-two, of whom only twenty-five were of Church parentage, the remaining forty-seven being drawn from almost every social and religious walk represented in the community.

POPE JULIUS III. sent a Brief to Cardinal Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury (1554) desiring him to *absolve* and *reconcile* Bishops and priests made in Edward the Sixth's reign, but instead of telling him that they were to be *re-ordained*, his Holiness commanded the Cardinal to *confirm* them in the Anglican orders which they had already received, and to reinstate them "after by you they shall have been restored to the unity of Holy Mother Church, and you shall have thought good to reinstate them if in other respects they shall be accounted by you to be worthy and fit." The Pope further specified that those who had received the Anglican consecration should be regarded as having had the "gift of consecration already bestowed." The Brief goes on to say that the Archbishops and Bishops may enter anew on the government of their Churches and perform all episcopal acts, such as consecration, ordination, etc.; and so that there may be no doubt about the matter, Mr. Butler gives the words of the Brief as follows: "Over cathedrals, even over metropolitan churches, as Bishops and Archbishops they may freely and legally preside, and may rule and govern the same Church both in things spiritual as well as temporal, and use the gifts of consecration already bestowed upon them." Exactly! "And use the gifts of consecration already bestowed upon them!" Would it be possible to find anywhere words clearer to express the Pope's convictions that the Anglican Bishops, A.D. 1554, were true Bishops?

NEVER lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament; welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and thank Him for it, who is the Fountain of all loveliness, and drink it in simply and earnestly with all your eyes; it is a charmed draught, a cup of blessing.—*Charles Kingsley.*

Contemporary Church Opinion.

Church Bells :

A writer in the *Pall Mall Gazette* has been recently calling attention to the growing disuse of the phrase 'Thank you.' 'The little word,' it is urged, 'seems to be disappearing from everyday conversation.' We fear there is some truth in this, and it is not a merely trivial matter. But a little straw doubtless, in this courteous phrase, only it shows which way the stream is running. Gentle manners are certainly not our strong point nowadays; and yet gentle manner are a part of Christian duty, and should characterise every Christian man, woman, and child. After all, life is so very much made up of small things, and the pleasantness of life so very largely depends on the way we behave towards one another in these passing unimportant matters. Some time ago if we remember rightly, a guild for the development of good manners was started among the children in our elementary schools, and it would be interesting to know how it has been taken up and how it is progressing. The hurry-scurry of modern life, no doubt, is not at all conducive to manners; but it is merely an affectation to talk or act as if we really had not time to attend to them. It takes but little or no longer to behave well than to behave ill, and if a child is taught from the first to mind its behaviour, it becomes quite natural with it in after years to be polite. It is largely an affair of habit, and politeness is certainly one of those habits which parents and teachers ought to keep their eye on. The comfort of life depends more upon it than we sometimes realize.

The Southern Cross, Port Elizabeth.

The Canadian Church, by its bold initiative, has settled beyond recall the question of Colonial Archbishops. We should have preferred to see the initiative proceed from Lambeth, and although we are given to understand that the Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed his sympathy with the action of the Canadian Church, it would have been far better if his Grace had put forth a carefully considered and statesmanlike scheme for the foundation of Archbishops throughout the Colonial Church. We are aware that the Archbishop has no power to create such dignities by his own initiative: but we venture to think that if he had addressed a pastoral letter to the Colonial Metropolitan, suggesting the adoption of the title of Archbishop, and at the same time suggesting some canonical and carefully guarded acknowledgment of the Primacy of Canterbury, on the part of the Archbishops of the Anglican Communion, he would have done much to consolidate and strengthen the Anglican Communion.

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The senior Province of the Colonial Church has now led the way. The two Canadian Archbishops are founded with the approval, expressed or implied of the whole Anglican Communion.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

ANNUAL CANADIAN CONVENTION.

As we have already announced the Fourth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada will be held at Ottawa, on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 18th to 21st inclusive. As yet the Brotherhood Convention is a new thing in Canada to the majority of our Church people, and its great possibilities for good are not thoroughly understood or appreciated; but even at this early day in the history of the Brotherhood in Canada, the Annual Convention has come to be regarded by all who understand the objects of the order and are interested in the work of the Church among men, as one of the prominent events in the yearly life of the Church; and the conviction is gradually forcing its way into the minds of many people that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has undertaken a noble work for the cause of Jesus Christ, and, with God's help, is trying to do that work well. This conviction must become stronger and more widespread when the experience of our Church in the United States is considered. There the Brotherhood has just completed the tenth year of its existence, and it is no exaggeration to say that during that time it has become a powerful engine in the work of the Church, and is of immense assistance to the clergy. The Brotherhood in Canada is striving for the same object as the American order; "The spread of Christ's Kingdom among young men," by means of the same simple rules of Prayer and Service, and it cannot be doubted that if God has so blessed the work among our neighbors, He will also bless the same work here. For this reason the Convention shortly to be held at Ottawa should have the prayers and active aid of the whole Canadian Church, both clergy and laity. It will be in no spirit of selfishness, for no purpose of mutual admiration or mutual congratulation, that some two hundred men will gather together at Ottawa. Their sole object will be the cause which the Brotherhood has at heart, and they will meet together for four days of devotion, communion, discussion and counsel. The record of former Conventions assures us that the men who will attend the next Convention are men loyal to the Church of England and its clergy; men who realize, more or less perfectly, their obligations as members of the Body of Christ, and who are trying manfully to carry out those obligations; men who are anxious to grasp and who are getting nearer the realization of the Universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. The Convention will be marked by the intense earnestness of all who attend it, and by the absence of all party spirit.

On the programme appear the names of the Bishops of Algoma and Quebec, and Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri, besides several other prominent and able clergymen and laymen. The Archbishop of Ontario, in whose diocese the Convention takes place, will also be present to welcome the delegates. The Church people of Ottawa will entertain all members of the Bro-