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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.

APPROVED.—The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Venerable Archdeacon Sumner, D.D., to be Suffragan Bishop of Guildford, in the Diocese of Winchester.

SURPLICED CHOIRS.—An association of Rectors and Masters of surpliced choirs in the diocese of Chicago has been formed, with the Rev. Dr. Locke as President; and Mr. F. H. Wheeler, 983 West Madison St., as Secretary. Arrangements are in progress for holding a Diocesan Choir Festival.

BIBLE READINGS.—The Bible readings given every Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, in Grace Church, Philadelphia, by the rector, the Rev. James S. Stone, D.D., (formerly of Montreal), are very well attended, the congregation numbering on the average about 600.

DEACONESSES.—The office of Deaconess was lately conferred upon two ladies by the Bishop of London, in St. Michael's Church, Paddington. After their ordination the Bishop presented each deaconess with a cross to wear as a symbol of her "profession." The choir, as on a former occasion, was formed of presbyters.

SUFFRAGAN.—Durham has secured a capable Suffragan in the person of Bishop Sandford, of Tasmania. He is fifty-seven years of age, a prince of administrators, and a parochial clergyman who was beloved and respected everywhere. The Bishop of Durham's letter to his people announcing the nomination is reassuring in its prospect of Dr. Lightfoot's speedy return to the diminished labours of his diocese.

"G. V." DEAD.—Another notable ecclesiastical journalist has passed away, in the person of Mr. Gilbert Venables—the familiar "G. V." of *Church Bells*, and other Church papers. Mr. Venables was a son of Canon Venables, and was educated at St. Paul's School and Wadham College, Oxford. In early life he joined the staff of the *Echo*, but for fifteen years had been an assistant editor of the *Standard*.

ALBANY CATHEDRAL.—Bishop Doane, of Albany, has addressed a circular to his Clergy announcing that the Cathedral, though finished only in part, will be used at the meeting of the Convention, for which occasion an office of dedication has been specially prepared, including solemn benedictions of only such portions of the building and furniture as will be used in the final Cathedral. The Cathedral has been erected at a cost of \$350,000, upon which a debt of about \$60,000 remains.

PRESSENTATION.—At the Chester Diocesan Conference, held last week, an address, signed by 382 Clergy and 895 Churchwardens and lay representatives of the diocese, was presented to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Stubbs, on his translation to the See of Oxford. The Duke of Westminster, who made the presentation, asked the Conference to join with him in expressing affectionate sympathy and extreme regret at the Bishop's

removal, and recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his too few years in the diocese.

MEMORIAL GIFT.—We hear with pleasure, the *Family Churchman*, London, says, that Mr. John Walker, of Cheltenham, has given £6,000 to endow a suspended Canonry in Gloucester Cathedral, to be permanently associated with the office of Diocesan Missioner, and to form a memorial of the late Mr. Thomas Gambier Parry, of Highham, the amateur artist and painter of Gloucester and Ely Cathedrals and Tewkesbury Abbey. Such a memorial is eminently suitable to the gifted and devoted Churchman who was himself no "silent member" of the household of faith.

ASSISTANT BISHOP.—The Rev. George Williamson Smith, D.D., LL.D., the Assistant-Bishop elect of Northern Ohio, is about fifty years old. He graduated from Hobart College in 1857, and from the General Theological Seminary in 1860. In that year he was ordained and became a chaplain in the navy, serving as such for ten years or more. He then became Incumbent of the Church at Jamaica, Long Island, from which he was called to the rectorship of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn. After a successful term of four years, he was elected President of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. His administration of the College has been a marked success, so much so that some of the American Church papers are protesting against his acceptance of the post of assistant to Bishop Bedell.

CHINESE BRIDE.—The Rev. Francis L. H. Pott, one of the missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S., at Shanghai, was married in St. John's chapel, August 22rd, by Bishop Boone, to Miss S. N. Wong. Mr. Pott is a son of James Pott, of the firm of James Pott & Co., booksellers, at 12 Astor Place, New York, and a grandson of the late Dr. Hawks, of New York, and Miss Wong is a daughter of our first native convert and missionary, the late Rev. Kong Chai Wong, who died about two years ago after thirty-five years labor in our Chinese missions. Although the ceremony was performed in English by Bishop Boone, the Chinese custom in dress and attendant ceremonial was observed. The bride, a young woman of unusual intelligence, was dressed in Chinese raiment. This is generally a brilliant red, but on this occasion the color was pale pink. The ceremony began on the evening of August 23rd, and lasted until the next evening, the usual Chinese festivities being observed. There were feasting and fireworks and all the brilliant festivities attendant upon a Chinese marriage between people of high rank.

GLORIOUS RESULTS INDEED.—The Bishop of Durham at a recent meeting in behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, made the following statement, and gave that Society a large share of credit for these "glorious results": "There are now fourteen African Bishops. Not one of those dioceses existed till Her Gracious Majesty had been on the throne fully ten years. There are nineteen Sees in British North America, and only two of

them were in existence at the commencement of this reign. There are now thirteen Australian Sees, and the first of them was created just about the time Her Majesty ascended the throne. There are eight Sees in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, and not one of them existed at the commencement of the reign. Let us ask ourselves what a See means? It means the completion of the framework of a settled Church government; it means the establishment of an Apostolic ministry, which we believe was especially ordained by God to be the means by which the ministrations and the gifts of the Church of Christ should flow to men. It is the enrollment, as a corporate unity, of one other member of the great Anglican Communion."

BECOMING.—The Diocese of Michigan is acting nobly and becomingly toward the family of the late Bishop Harris. To his widow his salary was ordered to be paid to the end of the conventional year; she may if she desires, remain in the Episcopal residence for a twelve-month, and an effort is being made to raise for the family a fund of \$30,000. It will be successful says a contemporary.

SIN.—If one takes up the Bible he sees how Bible writers speak of sin as the only evil in the world and what names they call it—Corruption, Defilement, Uncleanness, Pollution, Filthiness, Vileness, Abominableness, Perverseness, "that abominable thing I hate."

The book that makes light of sin is not a book according to God; the man or woman that makes light of sin is not after God's heart. Sin is an evil and a bitter thing, that had to be atoned for at great cost, even by the death of the Son of God.—*Selected.*

A REMINDER.—The proprietor of the *New York Mail and Express* each day prints at the head of its editorial columns a passage selected from the Bible. Being questioned by a reporter as to the reason for this course, he replied: "I print the text because I think it desirable that men who are necessarily absorbed in business should be reminded of the words of their Heavenly Father. Some people poke fun at me for it, but I don't mind it. It is God they ridicule, not me. As long as I am associated with the *Mail and Express* I shall publish a text from the Bible every day, and print it in the same place, so that my readers may know where to look for it."—*Southern Churchman.*

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