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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.

THE Additional Curate's Society of London, England, has received another anonymous donation of £500.

THE Bishop of Marlborough on the last Saturday in July consecrated St. Peter's church, Staines, erected at the sole expense of Sir Edward Clarke.

THE beautiful new cedar reredos, presented to Manchester Cathedral by the Rev. Canon Allen and his brothers, was dedicated on Sunday, 29th July.

CHURCH people in England contribute more than *three-quarters* of the sum annually raised there on "Hospital Sunday." This year nearly £12,000 are available for distribution.

THE Paper contributed by the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone to the August number of *The Nineteenth Century* has received high encomiums from the Church press in England.

THE Ven. Wm. Weston Elwes, Archdeacon of Madras, has been appointed to the Bishopric of Tinnevely. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge. The appointment is spoken of as excellent.

HER Royal Highness the Duchess of York was "Churched" on Saturday morning, July 28, in the Chapel Royal, St. James's. The Rev. Sub-Dean performed the service. The Duke of York accompanied her Royal Highness.

THE Rev. J. B. M'Govern has been appointed rector of St. Stephen's, Chorlton-upon-Medlock, Manchester. Mr. M'Govern was ordained deacon and priest by the Roman Catholic Bishop, Dr. O'Reilly, in 1875. In 1880 he joined the Church of England, and was appointed to the curacy of St. Bartholomew's, Colne, Lancashire. He now enters on a benefice after fourteen years of good work in the English Church.

A correspondent of *Church Bells* writes that Dr. Jeffery, the late well-known Congregational minister in Sydney, Australia, just after a visit to England, expressed the following opinion: "I was astonished at the wonderful progress of the Church of England during the last twenty years, and at the hold it has now on all classes of men; the energy and devotion of its clergy, its varied organizations, etc. There can be no prospect of its disestablishment, at any rate for generations to come, if ever."

PREPARATIONS are making for a great Lenten Mission in N.Y. city, similar to that held several years ago. It will be carried on on a large scale, and will probably be conducted by clergy men of the Church of England as well as of the

American Church. It is anticipated that the movement may extend to neighboring cities. The committee having the arrangements in charge consists of Bishop Potter, the Rev. Drs. Edward A. Bradley, E. Walpole Warren, and Geo. R. Van DeWater, all of whom are associated with the management of the Church Parochial Missionary Society.

FASTING COMMUNION.—The Bishop of Grahamstown says: "Our own Church, in the exercise of her prerogative and responsibility of binding and loosing in all matters of discipline, does not bind this obligation (fasting communion) upon her children. There is no hint of it when she touches upon the conditions of worthy reception. . . . Neither the comment of St. Chrysostom nor the letter of St. Augustine, who tells us what the Holy Ghost had led the Church to practice under the conditions of those times, *propter reverentiam*, as a matter of discipline. . . . will sustain the weight of indispensable necessity that has been laid upon them." (Minister of the True Tabernacle Introd., pp. 32 and 33.)

EARLY COMMUNION.—Its value is thus beautifully expressed by the Late Canon Liddon: "A Christian of the first or second century would not have understood a Sunday in which, whatever else might be done, the Holy Communion was omitted; and this great duty is best complied with as early in the day as possible, when the natural powers of the mind have been lately refreshed by sleep, when as yet the world has not taken off the bloom of the soul's first self-dedication to God, when thought, and feeling, and purpose are still bright and fresh and unembarrassed; then is the time, for those who would reap the full harvest of grace, to approach the altar. It is quite a different thing in the middle of the day; even when serious efforts are made to communicate reverently. Those who begin their Sundays with the Holy Communion know one of the deepest meanings of that promise, 'They that seek me early shall find me.'" (Easter in St. Paul's, p. 286.)

In Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, there appear, every Sunday, two silver gilt candlesticks standing upon the re-table; and it appears that they have always been placed in that position, as far as can be ascertained, ever since they were presented in 1777. The late Right Rev. John Jebb, D.D., Bishop of Limerick, mentions these candlesticks, in a valuable paper read before the Ecclesiological Society, in the following words: "On the Holy Table, on all Sundays and festivals, was placed a rich crimson velvet cloth, with the sacred monogram, and on the raised ledge at the back, on those days, constantly stood the large gilt candlesticks, now (1855), produced on Communion days, always with large wax candles in them, which were lit whenever the service was performed by candle-light." The fact that these candlesticks were presented in 1777 is evidence that in those days it was not considered illegal, or savouring of Romanism, to have altar lights.

THE "Monthly Report" of the S.P.C.K. for July contains the financial statement for the year ending March 31st. On the general account, taking the receipts first, there is a serious decrease in subscriptions, benefactions and dividends. The subscriptions this year have decreased by £578, and the total is lower than it has been for over twenty years. Only £12,222 were received from this source of income. Three years ago subscriptions fell below £13,000. This year they hardly exceed £12,000. Legacies, however, show an increase. These amount to the large sum of £13,084, an increase of £4,665 over the previous year. In consequence of this large item and some other smaller items, the total increase in the Society's receipts amounts to £3,354, while the total income (£45,536) is the largest for the past eight years. The total sum paid in money grants was £31,232. Of this sum £2,864 were paid to fourteen Canadian dioceses, and £2,896 to six West Indian dioceses; £5,603 went to Asia, £2,614 to Africa, and £1,710 to Australasia; education at home absorbed £2,995; Sunday-school buildings, £2,875; care of emigrants, £1,165; medical missions, £2,184; foreign translations, £800; training native clergy and catechists, £1,071; our own institutions at Tottenham and Stepney received £2,825; while smaller sums were given for the Archbishop's Assyrian Mission, for church-building in Scotland and Ireland, for the passage of missionaries, etc.

The following Bishops have accepted invitations to speak at the Church Congress in Boston next November:

Bishop Rulison, of Central Pennsylvania; Bishop Hull, of Vermont; Bishop Vincent, of Southern Ohio; Bishop Thompson, of Mississippi; and Bishop Courtney, of Nova Scotia. The latter has not accepted positively, but may attend.

Among the distinguished clergymen, other than the Bishops, who are to take part, are the following: Prof. Hart, of Trinity College; the Rev. D. Shoup, of the University of the South; the Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith, of Washington; Prof. Batten, of the Philadelphia Divinity School; the Rev. Dr. Holland, of St. Louis; the Rev. Dr. Currie, of Baltimore; the Rev. Dr. Greer, of New York; the Rev. L. Waterman, of New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Brooklyn; the Rev. Dr. McConnell, of Philadelphia. The list of laymen is not yet complete, but the following persons are among the number: Hon. Rathbone Gardner, of Providence; R. Fulton Cutting, Esq., of New York; Geo. Zubriskie, Esq., of New York; Richard H. Dana, Esq., of Boston; Mr. J. L. Houghteling, of Chicago, and F. J. E. Woodbridge, Esq.

The list of subjects has been changed and made to read as follows: 'The Church's Duty in the matter of secular activities,' 'Proper Education for the ministry,' 'Religious orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church to-day,' 'The Sunday Newspaper,' 'How to relieve the poor without pauperizing them,' 'The argument from design as affected by the theory of evolution,' 'The appeal to fear in religion.'