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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.

THE National-Conference of Unitarians, which recently met at Saratoga, adopted a Liturgy leaving its use optional.

IN ten years the amount raised for new bishoprics in England itself has reached no less a sum than \$2,263,375.

THE number of communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. has grown from 161,224 in 1866 to 509,149 in 1890.

THROUGH the colonial bishoprics fund established in the Church of England in 1841 there has been raised up to 1888, \$3,324,210.

MILWAUKEE.—The parish Church of St. Paul, Milwaukee, was formally and solemnly consecrated on Wednesday, November 11, 1891, by the Bishop of the diocese.

THE announcement has been made that the Congregationalists at Toledo, Ohio, have adopted the Prayer Book of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U. S., for their Sunday Evening Services.

BEQUESTS.—William W. Dunton, of Merchantville, N. J., has bequeathed \$500.00 to the Episcopal Hospital, and \$250.00 to the house of Our Merciful Saviour for crippled children, and the same sum to the Sheltering Arms.

ANOTHER.—Martha A. Shallcross has bequeathed \$1000.00 to each of the following churches: Emmanuel, Holmesburg; Trinity, Oxford; and All Saints', Torresdale.

S. S. OFFERINGS.—The Advent offering of the Sunday Schools of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have, with the cordial approval of the Bishop, been asked for the Italian mission.

NEW YORK C. C. T. S.—The speakers for the December services of the *Church Temperance Society* in Annex Hall will be the Rev. J. H. Darlington, Ph. D., the Rev. E. H. Cleveland, Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, and Mr. Robt. Graham.

REMEMBERING THE POOR.—On Thanksgiving Day St. Barnabas' mission, N. Y., distributed 600 dinners to the poor, including the inmates of the Tombs, Alms house, penitentiary, Colored Home and others.

GOOD EXAMPLE.—During Advent a short service for busy people will be held at St. Paul's Church, Boston, every week day at ten minutes after twelve o'clock. The service will last 15 or 20 minutes.

MICHIGAN.—The new \$25,000 stone church of Grace Church, Port Huron, Michigan, the Rev. Sydney Beckwith, Rector, was formally opened for Divine service on Sunday, November 15th., the Bishop of Michigan and several visiting clergy being present.

CHURCH SERVICE.—A new feature has been added to the work at St. George's Church, New York. Every Wednesday evening during the winter there is to be a short service. A course of lectures on the Epistle to the Galatians will be given at these services by the Rev. E. Campton Acheson, the assistant minister.

GEORGIA.—The Rev. Cleland K. Nelson, D. D., has accepted the Bishopric of this diocese, to which he was recently elected with great unanimity, and it is understood that his consecration will take place in the cathedral at Atlanta, on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

NEWS has been received from West Africa announcing the death of the Rev. John Alfred Robinson, M.A., who since 1886 has been associated with the Niger Mission of the English Church Missionary Society.

THE Church Periodical Club for the free distribution of books and papers among missionaries, now has 11 parochial libraries in the diocese of Michigan, and 201 regular contributors. The office of the club is that of a go-between to make known to those who have literature to give away, the names of those to whom it would be acceptable.

THE Bishop of Manchester recently admitted ten laymen to the office of lay-evangelist at the parish church, Oldham. They had been working on probation for twelve months, and are now officially recognized by the Bishop, and will officiate at the various mission rooms in the deanery.

THE Rev. J. C. Newell, of Samoa, says that King Malietoa, who was trained in the missionary institution at Malua, and had twice given himself up to a foreign power to prevent bloodshed, testified, after his return from the Camarons, that the precious Word of God was his solace during all that time of exile, and that he had come back through the infinite love and mercy of the Father. The Samoan loved his home, and was never prepared to leave it for any purpose, but, when he had realised the Divine necessity to preach, he was prepared to go forth to the less enlightened. Sixteen islands, hundreds of miles away to the north-west, have been evangelised entirely by Samoan teachers, and many-native teachers had gone to work in New Guinea.

THE Bishop of Chota Nagpore (the Right Rev. C. J. Whitley) held an ordination at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Ranchi, on Sunday, September 27th, when Mr. G. H. Lusty, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, was admitted to deacon's orders. The service was partly in Hindi, and partly in English. The sermon, which was in Hindi, was preached by the Rev. David Flynn.

THE Ven. F. R. Michell has resigned the archdeaconry of Calcutta, to which he was appointed in 1889. He has been engaged in ministerial work in India since 1866, and has held several important chaplaincies. Although he has well earned his retirement, he will be much missed in the diocese of Calcutta, where his wide experience and practical knowledge were highly valued.

A MOVEMENT in the interest of foreign missions was in progress last month, in London. Meetings and sermons to young men, urging upon them the claims of the heathen, were held and delivered in connexion with nearly two hundred of the metropolitan churches. In addition there are meetings arranged in about a dozen districts, the whole effort concluding on Tuesday evening, December 1st, with a mass meeting for men in Exeter-hall, at which the Bishop of London presided.

A REUTER'S telegram from Cape Town announces that the Rev. John Wale Hicks, Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, and vicar of St. Mary-the-Less, Cambridge, has been elected to the Bishopric of Bloemfontein. The new Bishop, graduated as senior in the Natural Science Tripos in 1870. He had previously taken high honours at the University of London, where he received the degree of M.D., in 1864. Dr. Hicks became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1881, and since 1883 has been lecturer in theology at Sidney College. He is the author of several scientific and theological works.

AMONG the many advantages of a fixed ritual and formularies is the fact that such a mistake as the following is rendered impossible. A minister took advantage of a christening to display his oratorical powers. "He is a little fellow (said he, as he took the infant), and, as I look in your faces, I see an expression of scorn which suggests that you despise him. But if you had the soul of a poet, or the gift of prophecy, you would not despise him. You would look far into the future, and see what might be. So this little child may be a great poet, and write tragedies, or perhaps a great warrior, wading in blood to his neck; he may be—er, what is his name?—his name is—oh, Mary Ann."