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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.

BISHOP Knight-Bruce of Mashonaland is presently in England.

THE North Wales Church Training College at Caernarvon has been entirely destroyed by fire.

BISHOP Potter sailed for Europe on the 2nd of January and will be absent about two months.

THE late Rev. Dr. Beardsley of Connecticut bequeathed a sum of \$3,500 to various Church objects.

THE Bishop of Cashel, Ireland, who is in delicate health has been obliged to go to Algiers recruit.

THE Council of the Church House London, England have over £20,000 in hand towards the cost of the building.

THE Offertory at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York on Hospital Sunday, Dec. 27th, amounted to \$6,000.

THE S.P.C.K. has voted 1000*l.* for the endowment of the See of British Honduras, which was for a time joined to Jamaica.

BISHOP Reeve of Mackenzie River was in Chicago the first week of this month, making a special plea for funds for his work in the far North.

DR. FIGOU, the new Dean of Bristol, is inaugurating a movement for raising a fund of £3000 in aid of Church schools in the poorer parts of that city.

MRS. H. P. PERRY, of Southport, Conn., has left a legacy of \$2000.00 to the Episcopate fund of New Hampshire, and \$500.00 for missionary purposes.

THE National Society for promoting the Education of the poor in the principles of the Church of England received last month an anonymous donation of £500.

THE Swedish Mission recently domiciled in the old Universalist Church, 127th St., New York, is growing steadily in number and good works. There are now nearly 300 Communicants.

ONE of the best things said at a diocesan conference was at Ripon, where the Bishop said the great need of the day was not the equalization of property so much as the *moralization* of it. Very much the line of Bishop Potter of New York before the Chamber of Commerce.

HER Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to send donations of £50 each to the Bishop of London's Fund and the Bishop of St. Alban's Fund.

THE *Presbyterian* reports that the Rev. W. Moore White, LL.D., late minister of the Presbyterian Church, Islington, Liverpool, has applied for admission to Holy Orders in the Church of England.

THE Church of the Holy Comforter, Williamsburg, Long Island, recently received a gift of \$10,000 from an unknown donor, as an endowment of the parish; the income to be used towards providing a permanent pastor.

NEW YORK.—A service of occupation was held by the Bishop of New York on the site of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on New Year's Day, the chapel of the old Leake and Watts Asylum being used. Service will be continued each Sunday.

THE Bishop of Calcutta, who returned to India last month, has given the sum of £5,000 towards the endowment of the Lucknow Bishopric, on condition that the remaining £2,000 required is raised within twelve months.

THE Archbishop of Dublin declares that Protestants now number one-fourth of the population of Ireland, and that 250,000 members of the Church of Ireland are found in the three Southern provinces.

ST. THOMAS' Parish, New York, numbers 940 Communicants, showing a total gain of 97 during the year. The parish expended for the year on all objects \$92,759.48. The German Mission of the parish has 252 souls under its charge with 112 Communicants and 123 Sunday scholars. St. Thomas' Chapel in the same parish shows a membership of 407.

IT is announced that a cope and mitre will be presented to the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Bickersteth, on his return from Japan. The English correspondent of the *New York Churchman* says, "There is good reason for thinking that Dr. Bickersteth will both accept and wear the gifts—another remarkable case of a return to a proper and befitting custom. The Bishop has already adopted the Eastward position in accordance with the judgment."

THE bequests for religious, educational, and charitable purposes under wills reported during the year amount, up to the present time, to about £750,000. The amount noticed in each of the past three years has been about a million. Half of this sum is usually made up under the wills of five or six testators.

THE death of the Right Rev. Dr. Harold Browne, author of *The Exposition of the Thirty nine Articles*, is announced.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Bardsley who was appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man in 1887 has been translated to the See of Carlisle, in succession to the Right Rev. Harvey Goodwin D.D. deceased.

PRINCESS Beatrice has been able, with the assistance of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Berks and Bucks Needlework Guild, to send this winter nearly two thousand useful garments to various districts in those counties for distribution among the deserving poor. Under the auspices of the Princess, and with the labours of the honorary secretary, Miss Biddulph, of Henry III's Tower, Windsor Castle, the good work is being increased and extended.

HER Majesty the Queen has conferred a well-deserved honour on the Most Rev. William Piercy Austin, D.D., LL.D., the venerable Bishop of Guiana and Primate of the province of the West Indies, in appointing him to be the Prelate of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The Bishop is the Father of the Episcopate, and, is this year celebrating his jubilee. He was consecrated Bishop of Guiana in 1842.

EPIPHANY.—The Festival of the Epiphany must be deemed of very high importance by a believing and thoughtful Christian. It does not merely commemorate one of the most beautiful incidents of our Lord's Infant Life. It asserts one of the most fundamental and vital features of Christianity; the great distinction, in fact, between Christianity and Judaism. We Gentiles of to-day owe all that we have hitherto received from Him, all that we hope from Him in time and in eternity, to that grace which led those Gentiles of old to come to Christ's light; those "kings to the brightness of His rising."—*Liddon*.

ALBANY.—The rector of St. Mark's Malone, the Rev. Charles Temple, began some time ago an innovation that is proving a great success, and that might be followed with advantage by the Rectors of other parishes. Before the sermon on Sunday morning he has a "sermonette" for the Sunday school children. It has an attractive title, such as "God's Candle," "Yeast," "The White Robe," "God's Fan," etc., and a very short text, while it is so "boiled down" that it never lasts more than five or six minutes. It is instructive and very interesting—not to the children only but to the grown people. As soon as the sermonette is finished the choir sing a verse of the last hymn or a short anthem, during which the children leave the church. The rector then proceeds with his sermon. The