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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 Bishop of Bombay is presently in England.

ON Easter at St. Mark's Chapel, 10th street, Ave. A., N.Y., a surplined choir of men, boys, girls and women was introduced for the first time.

THE late Richard S. Ely, of N.Y., bequeathed the sum of \$20,000 to St. Luke's Hospital, and \$10,000 to the Home for old men and aged couples.

MRS. BEDELL, widow of the late Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, has given money with which to purchase a lot and build a church on Wade Park Ave.

TRINITY Church, Binghamton, N.Y., has recently received a princely gift of \$25,000 towards the erection of a new stone church on the present site.

"THE Paddock lectures" of the N.Y. General Theological Seminary were this year delivered by the Rev. Provost Body, of Trinity University, Toronto, Ont.

EARLY next fall Bishop Whitaker, of Pennsylvania, will have completed his 25th year as a Bishop, and steps are being taken for a proper observance of the event.

IT is announced that Bishop Bickersteth is to be styled for the future "Bishop in Central Japan." There is no truth in a report which has been current of his intended resignation.

AT Trinity church, Grand Rapids, Western Michigan, on the evening of March 11, the Bishop confirmed a class of 25 persons, mostly adults, a large percentage of whom had been dissenters.

ON April 8th, next, Bishop Huntington, of Central New York, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopate. A public celebration of the event is being arranged for.

THE *Record* states that the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews has notified to Bishop Blythe at Jerusalem that they are about to withdraw their annual grant of £110 for house rent.

AT St. Mark's church, Southboro, Mass., on March 9th, a class of 40 persons were confirmed, among whom were six converts, one from Unitarianism, one from Presbyterianism, and four from the Methodists.

THE Church Parliamentary party in the English House of Commons has resolved not to restrict their action merely to defending Church interests when they are threatened. They also

purpose, in such Church matters as appear to require legislative aid to effect alterations and improvements, to take the initiative in the House of Commons.

A correspondent of the *Southern Churchman* says: "I do not think, when I was a young man, that many of our clergy used tobacco; but many use it now, and the number increases." All too true, and their example is pernicious.

RECENT action on the part of the Roman Church appears to indicate that she is willing to reconsider her attitude toward secret societies, with a possibility of modifying her position, especially as regards English speaking lodges.

REV. DR. BRIGGS, preaching lately at the "United Church," New Haven, Conn., said that "denominationalism was the great curse of the American world." He need not have limited his statement to America.

LORD GRIMTHORPE, who expended upwards of £150,000 on the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, has, as we announced some time ago, undertaken the restoration of St. Peter's church, in the same city, at a cost of £30,000. The church will be closed for twelve months to enable the work to be carried out.

BISHOP DOANE, speaking at a meeting of the Churchman's Club in Providence, R.I., on March 14th, on "Church Unity," spoke of the genuine Catholicity of the Church as distinguished from the impossible infallibility of the Roman Church, "the oldest schism in the world," and from the lack of solidity in the Protestant Bodies.

THE Bishop of Michigan has issued in printed form a carefully framed series of Rules and Regulations for lay readers in his Diocese. They treat definitely and perspicuously of licenses; the portions of services not to be used by lay readers; sermons recommended; special license for giving addresses, instructions or exhortations of their own; vestments; mode of receiving alms, etc.

THE editor of the *Southern Churchman*, Richmond, Va., being asked to give a definition of what constitutes a "Broad Churchman," answers: "The author of the word, as applied to this Church, was Dean Stanley, who said the English Church was not High or Low, but Broad—i.e., inclusive of both. But it has, little by little, changed its meaning, so that the "Broad" are inclined to be careless about Scripture doctrine."

ON Mid-Lent Sunday, Trinity church, Rutland, Vt., celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first service held in that place. The old wooden house in which it was held is still standing and in good condition. An offering of gold and silver, to be made into a large Ciborium as

a memorial, was made by the people. The offering consisted of silver spoons, forks, watch cases of both gold and silver, sets and parts of sets of jewelry, stones of various kinds, rings, etc.

AT the Confirmation service at St. Georges', N.Y., on Palm Sunday evening, 216 persons were presented to the Bishop for the laying on of hands. Of these 107 were Episcopalians, 59 Lutherans, 15 Presbyterians, 9 Roman Catholics, 9 Methodists, 3 Congregationalist, 2 Baptist, 2 Unitarian, 1 Dutch Reform, 1 Wesleyan, 1 Christian Church, 1 no Church, unclassified 3, Protestants 2, and Nestorian 1.

ROMANISM does not appear to be growing in the United States, notwithstanding the large influx annually of Roman Catholic immigrants. According to statistics given by the *Catholic Directory* for 1894, the ratio to the population since 1850 has been only 1.7; except in 1878, when it was one 1.6. The total number of adherents in 1893 was 8,902,333. Had it increased proportionately to the Roman Catholic immigration, the numbers would have been nearer 20 than 8 millions. In 1776 the Roman Catholic population of the Colonies was 1.120 of the whole.

IF Roman controversialists should admit that the Church was first planted at Jerusalem, whatever position they may claim they cannot possibly make good their fiction of being the "parent stem." As to the Anglican Church, "it was never a part of the Roman Church, although for one sixth of its existence it was in Communion with it" (Oldroyd.) It acknowledges its descent from the pure and Apostolic Church of Jerusalem, and by its good works, active piety, and loving devotion to our Blessed Lord, proves itself to be very much alive indeed, as Rome knows well, and many of the holiest in its communion have admitted.—*Diocese of Fond du Lac*.

REASONS FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation was practiced by the holy Apostles. St. Paul, St. Peter and St. John all administered the sacred rite. The successors of these apostles, the bishops of the Church, do to-day, as the holy apostles did. The most direct and important New Testament passages bearing on confirmation are Acts viii, 14-17; Acts xix, 4-6; Hebrew vi, 2. In Acts viii, 14-17, it is stated that St. Philip, the deacon, went down to Samaria, preached the gospel and baptized many converts. As a deacon he could preach and baptize, but could not confirm. What was to be done? St. Luke tells us: "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost; then laid they their hands on them and they