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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 Bishop of Derry (Ireland) is mentioned as the probable successor of Dr. Magee in the See of Peterborough.

ARCHDEACON HOLMES of St. Kitts, the Bishop-elect of British Honduras, was to be consecrated in Barbados on Sunday, 1st March.

The Bishop of Wakefield has intimated as a leading preliminary condition that candidates for ordination in his diocese must, as a rule, be under thirty-three years of age.

THE NEW BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH.—The Queen has been pleased to approve the nomination of the Rev. Canon Creighton, Dixie Prof. of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Cambridge, to the Bishopric of Peterborough.

THE Rev. H. T. Armfield's annual survey of the ordinations for the year 1890 shows that the percentage of Oxford and Cambridge men has steadily increased, until it now stands at 62. The number of literates has steadily fallen from 74 in 1881 to 37 in 1890.

On the morning of the Feast of the Purification, the Very Rev. Dr. Perowne was consecrated to the Bishopric of Worcester, Eng., and the Rev. Prebendary Walsh to that of Mauritius. The ceremony was performed in Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of London, Winchester-elect, Bath and Wells, St. Albans, Bedford, and Marlborough, and Bishop Royston, the retired Bishop of Mauritius.

SOME time ago it was announced that the Rev. Wyndham Heathcote, formerly curate of Holy Trinity, Richmond, Eng., who abandoned his ministry to serve in the Salvation Army, had returned to the Church of England. He has just written a pamphlet, which will be published immediately, entitled, "My Experience in the Salvation Army." As Mr. Heathcote was under "General" Booth's orders for four years his narrative should be interesting and informing.

THE Very Rev. Edward Hayes Plumptre, Dean of Wells, Eng., died suddenly at the Deanery on Sunday morning, Feb. 1st, in his seventieth year. The Dean was an M. A., Oxford; D.D., Glasgow; a Fellow of Brasenose, Oxford, 1844-7; assistant preacher, Lincoln's Inn, 1851-8; Professor of Pastoral Theology, King's College, London, 1853-63, and of New Testament Exegesis, 1863-81; Dean of Queen's College, Oxford, 1855-75; Boyle Lecturer, 1866-7; and Grinfield Lecturer on Septuagint at Oxford, 1872-4; Member of Old Testament Company for the Revision of the Authorized Version of the Holy Scripture, 1869-74; and had been Dean of Wells from 1881. The deceased had been a liberal supporter of charities, and only recently gave £1,000 to the Theological College.

THE affection felt throughout the diocese of Rochester, Eng., for Bishop Thorold was strikingly manifested on Saturday, 7th February,

when 200 of the clergy and laity tramped through a dense fog to St. Saviour's, Southwark, to take farewell of their Diocesan before his departure for the See of Winchester. The Bishop, on entering the Lady Chapel, accompanied by Bishop Barry and the Chancellor of the diocese, was received with marked respect and sympathy. His address took the form of a retrospect of his thirteen years' work in the diocese, and contained a warm acknowledgment of the assistance he had received from the members of the Diocesan Conference. He commended his successor to their sympathy and support, and, not without a great deal of emotion, begged them to still "keep a little corner in your hearts for me." Lord Darnley and Archdeacon Burney responded on the part of the members of the Conference, and Dr. Thorold said a final good-bye.

At Cartmel (Eng.) Priory Church the other day, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Barrow, the vicar, before the service showed two ladies into a front pew. Another lady subsequently arrived and ordered them to remove, although she was alone, and the pew contained seats for six. It subsequently appeared that the ladies thus evicted were the wife of the Bishop of Barrow and her mother, who is the wife of the Bishop of Carlisle. The paper which records this item of news rather neatly adds: "The discovery of this fact must, we should hope, have been wormwood and gall to the evictor, and it should teach the owners of private pews that it is possible to entertain angels unawares—even in church."

WHEN the Church army anticipated by nine months that part of the 'Social scheme' of 'General' Booth which deals with 'workshops' for paupers, it was only following a precedent set by the Church in every period of her history. Many parishes can furnish records of the faithful performance of her "corporal works of mercy" in days gone by. In the year 1631, on the 14th of December, from an old document in the parish of St. Mary, Prittlewell, Essex, we read that the vicar, the Rev. Jonathan Negus, with three parishioners, agreed to the "setting of their poor on work," and laid down forty shillings apiece for the providing of materials, as wool, flax, hemp. In 1728 the parishioners agreed at a meeting to erect a 'workshop' for the better relief of the poor, jointly with two or more adjacent parishes.

THE Most Reverend William Piercey, Lord Bishop of British Guiana and Primate of the Ecclesiastical Province of the West Indies, is in the 85th year of his age, and if he lives till next St. Bartholomew's day (24th August) he will have entered the Jubilee year of his Episcopate. Bishop Austin is the oldest Bishop of the Anglican Communion, 'whether at home or abroad, and his administration of his diocese has, been singularly happy and successful. Many changes both in Church and State has he witnessed. Adjacent sees have been repeatedly vacated and filled during the half century in which he has alone presided over his diocese. And amid all the changes of his long Episcopate, which has mainly synchroized with the reign of our beloved Queen, Bishop Austin

has remained a "central, prominent, and permanent figure, gathering to him," (to quote language which has been applied to his Royal Mistress) "more and more of loyalty and affection" from the faithful over whom he rules. It is proposed to celebrate the Jubilee by some suitable memorial.—*West Indian Guardian.*

THE PRIMATE ON BIBLE STUDY.—The Archbishop of Canterbury gave the address to men only at the Polytechnic Institute, Regent street, on Sunday afternoon, 15th Feb., on 'How to read the Bible.' His Grace was supported on the platform by the Bishop of Salisbury, Lord Kinnaid, Sir J. Kennaway, &c. The hall was packed with about 1,500 men, and hundreds were turned away unable to secure admission. The opening prayers were read by Prebendary Whittington, and the Lesson was read by Sir T. Forrell Buxton. The Archbishop said that busy men would find it very uninteresting in this busy age to read half a chapter of the Bible every morning, unless they really understood why they read it. He felt sure that if they only knew how to read it they would find it very interesting. He would therefore try to lay down the principles which would guide them in right reading of the Bible. The first hindrance to successful reading was to regard it as a book. It was really a library, a collection of books which had taken 1,600 years to write. The next point to which they must direct their attention was to understand the conditions under which each book was written. They must also constantly bear in mind the real humanity of the writers. He urged them to clothe again with flesh and blood the men who wrote these passages, and then let them say, 'Now such and such things were written under such and such circumstances for so and so; what is their meaning to me under my circumstances?' This was a double rule-of-three sum, which would repay them for the trouble taken. In conclusion, he urged upon them to realize that it was their duty to form a society in the world which would live and be sustained by the same spirit which breathed through the sacred writers.

REAL sorrow leaves a scar long-lasting as our mortal life, even though sometimes it does seem quickly and rudely pushed aside; still it stays. But natures are different, and in nothing do we see this difference more sharply defined than by the way griefs are met and borne. And anyway it is not our place to judge the seemingly shallow-hearted; but, without judging, we know, in earnest natures, as time goes on (and some seem to forget sorrow), it is only *seeming*, and from the fact, too, that it has become inwrought as a part of self, hence it no longer stands out in the bold relief of a separate thing.—*Ross Porter.*

A Subscriber in Nova Scotia remitting renewal subscription for another year, and with an additional new name writes: 'I wish I had more to send you. The paper (*The Church Guardian*) is invaluable to Churchmen and women, and should be in every family.'