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"Grace be with all."—1 Cor. 16:22. 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.

ST. PAUL'S Church, Hickman, Ky., has elected two women members of the vestry.

BISHOP HOWE, of South Carolina, is reported to be slowly improving in health.

IN the Roman Catholic Church in the United States there are one cardinal, twelve archbishops, and seventy-three bishops.

THE four hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the completion of YORK MINSTER was celebrated on the first Sunday in July last.

LORD PORTMAN has just sent £100 to the Social Scheme of the Church Army, which is rapidly extending in its influence in all parts of England.

THE *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* dubs Mr. Gladstone as "beyond doubt the biggest muddler in Irish affairs that has appeared on the stage of history in modern times."

AT the midsummer meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese of Rhode Island held in Emmanuel Church, Newport, on the 4th August, there were 600 delegates present.

THE Afro-American clergy list, published by the *Church Advocate*, of Baltimore, shows that there are thirty-one colored men in Priests' orders and thirty-two in Deacons' orders in The Church in the United States.

THE Lutherans number, throughout the world 47,439,090, distributed as follows: Africa, 42,000; America (North and South), 2,006,590; Asia, Australia, and Polynesia, 70,000; Europe, 45,132,500.

THE dioceses of Virginia and Tennessee are asking for a division, the latter proposing to make three dioceses of the State. Florida and Colorado want a part of their territory set off as missionary jurisdictions.

THE Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hoffman, rector of the Church of All Angels, New York, has just given \$25,000 to the general fund of St. Stephen's College, Annandale. He has given nearly \$200,000 to the institution within the last five years.

IT WAS emphatically asserted by the Wesleyan Conference sitting at Bradford that the rite of baptism must be undergone before any claims can be made to "Church membership." The discussion, which arose out of specified disputed cases, was a very animated one.

AT the Convention of the diocese of Western Michigan, the constitution and canons were amended so that women are allowed to vote at parish meetings, with the restriction that they may not serve on the vestry, or be delegates to the Convention.

ON 29th June last the one hundred and ninth anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was observed in London. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion in 250 churches in the diocese of London, and in 100 in the diocese of Rochester.

BISHOP PARET, of Maryland has expressed his godly judgment to two of the clergy of his diocese who asked the same in regard to the use of incense in the services; that such usage is not authorized, appointed or approved by the Book of Common Prayer and he issued his godly admonition that the same should not be used by them in his diocese.

THE Rev. H. M. Carr of Parsons, Kansas, one of the most prominent divines of the Baptist Church in that state, and a brother of Col. Clarke E. Carr, United States Consul to Denmark, at a meeting of the members of his Church held recently, formally announced his withdrawal from the Baptist Church and stated that he would identify himself in the future with the Episcopal Church.

ONE peculiar feature of the forthcoming Church Congress in England, will be the holding of meetings for soldiers at Dover and Shorncliffe. One of the subjects for consideration particularly appropriate to a congress held at Folkestone is "The Duty of the Church towards Soldiers." Field Marshal Sir J. Lintorn Simmons and the Chaplain-General will open the discussion.

THE Church in England has 43 bishops and 24,090 other clergymen; in the United States, 75 bishops and 4,203 other clergymen; in Ireland, 13 bishops and 1,807 other clergymen; in Canada, 24 bishops and 1,300 other clergymen; in Asia, 13 bishops and 713 other clergymen; in Africa, 13 bishops and 350 other clergymen; in Australia, 21 bishops and 269 other clergymen; in Scotland, 17 bishops and 280 other clergymen—a grand total of 2,033 bishops, and 33,132 other clergymen. In England there are 558 clergymen to a bishop; in the United States, 56. If England had the same proportion as the United States, the Church in England would have 428 bishops instead of 43.

THE *Standard* (Baptist), published in Chicago, says in its New York letter: "The Episcopal Church of this city is making wondrous

strides forward, and the sources of its increasing strength are found in the multiplication of mission enterprises. Bishop Potter is showing rare skill and judgment in the pursuit of this policy. He believes in outposts which shall become recruiting centres for some Church, or Church nearest to them. Here Sunday-schools are organized, and through these families are reached and brought into public worship. By means of these multiplied missionary agencies, this Church has made advances beyond all other religious organizations in our city."

THEY had both "processionals" and "recessionals" at the great meeting of the Societies of Christian Endeavor in New York city. The service is thus described in the *New York Observer*: "The pastor had risen and offered the invocation, when suddenly strains of music were heard, and through the open doors marched a detachment of the New Jersey Society, carrying a large banner and singing the first verse of the well-known hymn, 'All hail the power of Jesus' name.' As they crossed the threshold, the organist took up the strain, the whole audience rose, and company after company filed in to the succeeding verses of the grand chorus, 'Crown Him Lord of all,' till the Church was crowded in every part. Seats were provided in aisles and galleries, and the whole assembly joined with one accord in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the opening hymn. At the close of the service, the young people retired, singing as they went: 'Onward, Christian Soldier.'"

THE LINCOLN JUDGMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS IN ENGLAND.

THE *Times*, looking along the whole line takes, *more suo*, a pacific view of the judgment. "It would be easy," it says, "to put one's finger on defects in this judgment, which has the weakness incident to all compromises respecting opinions radically diverse. There is a sense of unreality in the effort to treat as neutral or colourless acts which we all know to be, in the view of a party in the Church, technical symbols and unequivocal doctrinal signs. The emphasis given to little points in order to escape deciding as to momentous matters is open to criticism. We prefer to turn from these defects, and to view the decision as a legal victory for toleration and one which may work for peace. It is high time to get out of a *nisi prius* region and away from the controversies over minutiae in which zealots take infinite delight. Neither the Church Association nor the English Church Union is the Church of England, and her best interests are not served by a continuance of the disputes which these bodies carry on with endless ingenuity and zeal. What harm can come of diversity kept within the limits which the Privy Council permits? Would any true friend of the Church carry out inexorably in every parish in the land some of the decisions which are in effect modified by the judgment which we print to-day? It is not satisfactory to look back on the past history of the controversies as to ritual.