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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 Gillespie, of Western Michigan, said in a recent address:—"We hear of one parish where the vestrymen have agreed that some of their number will decline a re-election in order to introduce some new man. This strikes us as very wise." It strikes us also in like manner. The office of vestryman has come to be regarded as a life-office, and a failure to re-elect is considered a mortal offence. And yet it is highly desirable that there should be occasional changes, if for nothing else at least to bring a larger number of men into contact with the Church's work. A provision retiring two members each year would secure this object and yet maintain the stability and continuity of the body.

ST. ANN'S, N. Y. whose special work is among the Deaf Mutes since its early efforts in October, 1852, down to the present, has baptized more than 1,800; confirmed 1,300 and over; received to Communion 2,000; married nearly 900 couples, and buried more than 1,200 persons; besides which it has placed in the hearts of more than one throughout this broad land the idea that they too might build up similar institutions to enable the "deaf to hear, the dumb to speak." The Church has special duty in regard to this class of unfortunates in that it has the power to place in their hands a printed form of faith. In the absence of speech and hearing, sight becomes of no little moment.

SUNDAY, March 18, Bishop Potter consecrated the Church of the Holy Comforter, corner of Thompson and Houston streets, New York, for sailors. This with a parsonage, are the result of a legacy of \$50,000 from the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt, Esq.

THE Rev. H. Y. Satterlee, D.D., has declined the election to the assistant Bishopric of Ohio, after much and serious prayerful thought. The principal ground of his declining, was the uncompleted work, which he had undertaken, and which, he deemed, it would not be right for him to leave.

THE Rev. A. W. Little, (author of *Little's Reasons*), lecturing lately in Boston on "The Press," and this good advice:—Every Christian man ought to rule out the Sunday papers, for they, more than anything else, had led men to absent themselves from the Lord's house. He need not tell Churchmen that they ought to take a *Church* paper, but he could warn them against taking a paper that was a *Church* paper merely to make money.

BISHOP Williams, of Connecticut, the oldest member of the American House of Bishops, is says an exchange, a tremendous worker. Besides attending to the details connected with the diocese, and those which pertain to his position as the Primate of the House of Bishops, he delivers twelve lectures a week to the students of the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., and also lectures frequently at Trinity College, Hartford. He preaches nearly every Sunday, and is an incessant reader.

He reads not only philosophical and religious works, but keeps up with current fiction. He is a student of contemporary politics, and an authority on affairs in Central Europe.

ALBANY.—It seems likely that the clergy stalls and stone floor in the new Cathedral will be erected at the cost of the several parishes and mission stations of the diocese. Fifty pledges of \$100 apiece, the estimated cost of a stall, have already been obtained, with every likelihood that the scheme will meet with favor in every parish. Each stall will bear the name and be set apart in perpetuity for the use of the parish so contributing.

THE clergy of the diocese are to show their appreciation of the services rendered to the Church in Massachusetts by the Rev. Dr. Courtney, bishop-elect of Nova Scotia. On Monday, April 16, there will be a special celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, of which he has been the rector for the past six years. The service will be followed by a social gathering and a luncheon. The bishop will preside, and a large number will be present to wish the good doctor "Godspeed" in his new and hard and great work. His influence in St. Paul's parish and in the diocese generally will be felt for a long while.

DURING nine years of the Bishopric of East London by the Bishop-designate of Wakefield, Dr. Walsham How, the number of clergy in his division of the diocese has been raised from 185 in 1880 to 269 in the present year, so that instead of there being, as in 1880, one clergyman for every 4,300 people, there is now one for every 3,000. There are also 83 lay readers, deaconesses, mission-women, and parochial nurses added to the staff. And seven college and school missions are in active operation, supported by Christ church, Eaton, Marlborough, Felstead, and Uppingham schools, the King's College and Shropshire. The East London Church Fund, which the good Bishop founded to help on these movements, raised £12,698 last year.

THE late Chief Justice Waite of the Supreme Court of the U.S., was a devoted churchman and vestryman in the Church of the Epiphany, Washington.

ORDINATION IN THE CHINA MISSION.—On the feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1888, Bishop Boone ordained five deacons at St. Paul's church, Hankow. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Messrs. A. H. Locke and F. R. Graves.

DEATH OF A SCOTCH BISHOP.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wilson, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, died at his residence, Ayr, on Saturday, March 17, in his eighty-second year.

AN "OFFICE FOR UNITY."—The Council of the Home Reunion Society have forwarded to every Bishop of the English Church an "Office for Unity," which has been issued by the society with the sanction of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Council are endeavoring to circulate the "office" far and wide among Churchmen and Nonconformists.

AN INSTRUCTIVE NARRATIVE.

An Altar erected in the memory of Edwin H. Galloway was recently dedicated in the Cathedral at Fond du Lac. Bishop Brown preached the sermon and in the course of his remarks he gave substantially the following history of the altar:—"Soon after my consecration as Bishop, I was unexpectedly summoned to the bedside of Mr. Edwin H. Galloway. He was known to me as one of the leading citizens of Fond du Lac. Although I had never met him personally, I had heard of the singular integrity of the man. His business honor was unquestioned. For truthfulness, purity, public-spiritedness, energy and sagacity he ranked among the foremost of our men. In his home he was a most devoted and tender husband and father. He was the sympathising and helpful friend and adviser of young men. His stainless and honorable character was, however, the prop and glory of the infidelity and skepticism of this region. Christians were challenged to show a better specimen of manhood than the skeptic Edwin H. Galloway. He met me with a greeting in words much as these: 'You see,' he said, 'my physical condition. I do not expect it can be improved and probably my days are already numbered. As I lie here I have been thinking over my past life and I wish for the sake of my family and friends to correct any mistakes I may have committed so that my example and influence may be of all possible advantage and use to them. You know, probably, what my opinions and principles have been. I am quite willing to review and revise them. Let me say plainly, however, that I am not ready to weigh religion in the balance and to decide by some difference in probabilities. It has been suggested to me that business men should deal with Christianity as a matter of business and give it the benefit of the chance. That is, it has been suggested to me to say to myself: If there is a God, a Christ, a hereafter, a heaven, I have everything to gain in having them all on my side. If there is no God, no hereafter, no eternity, then a mistake in faith or confession can amount to nothing. But I have said it will make an infinite difference to me whether I lie here an honest man, or whether for the few days before me I must think of myself as a hypocrite and deceiver. Now what can you say to me for Christianity and the Church? It may not be important," said the Bishop, "to recount the substance of this and subsequent interviews with Mr. Galloway. This is the chief point to which I now draw your attention: One day Mr. Galloway said to me: 'I am sure that I shall surprise you. I have weighed what you have said to me. Why did not some one say it to me a long time ago? But scrutinizing as carefully as I can my past life I see with perfect clearness that I have never been a skeptic, never really lost the faith that I had in my childhood. I have always been controlled by Christian principles. I have never heard the name of God profaned without a shudder, and I have never profaned it myself. I perceive that I have simply mistaken the scope of rea-