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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.

BISHOP TUCKER hopes to reach London from Uganda on May 19.

THE Duke of Connaught has consented to lay the foundation stone of the Church House, London, on July 1.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has been elected a vice-president of the Society of Biblical Archæology.

AN anonymous gift of £5,000 has just been made to the Rev. E. A. Foster, of Hastings, Eng., to build a church.

THE Rev. Carlile, rector of Netteswell, Eng., and hon. secretary of the Church Army, has issued an appeal for £100,000 with which to establish a woman's labour home.

IN the diocese of Manchester, Eng., out of a total of 460,000 sittings, about 322,000 are free and unappropriated. In the diocese of Chester about half of the churches are free.

AT St. Michael's Church, Star-street, Paddington, Eng., the Bishop of London, on April 15, set apart by the laying-on of hands five who have been in training for the office of Deaconess in the Church.

THE Bishop of Llandaff, Wales, in opening a new Church school in the parish of St. Mary, Cardiff, said that during the eight years he had presided over the diocese not a single Church school had been closed or transferred to the School Board.

THE Rev. Thomas Harrison has placed his resignation in the hands of the President of the Wesleyan Conference in England, and has ceased to be a member of the Connexion. He is about to enter the Church of England, and will shortly be ordained by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

AT the recent Lent ordinations in England, there were 129 candidates in all, of whom 71 were ordained deacons and 58 priests. The Lent ordinations are generally small, the candidates ranging from about 120 to 189 in number, and the present return, low as it is, does not touch the lowest limit. Only 48 per cent. of the number were graduates of Oxford or Cambridge.

THE Bishop of Truro, Eng., (Dr. Wilkinson), has resigned his See, owing to continued ill health. He had been compelled to be absent from his diocese for a year, and it was hoped that he had fully recovered his health. But upon resuming his work in Cornwall, he soon found that his strength was not equal to the task, and he has decided to retire. Dr. Wilkinson is the second Bishop of Truro, succeeding Dr. Benson upon the latter's translation to Canterbury.

SIR W. C. FLOWDEN, M.P., has given notice that he intends to move the following resolution with reference to the endowment of the Church

of England:—"That this House, deeming it desirable to obtain full and accurate information of the origin, extent, nature, and application of the endowments of the Church of England and Wales, recommends the appointment of a Commission which shall have power to inquire into these matters." Mr. Brown Read proposes to move, as an addition to the resolution, "and also to inquire into and report upon the origin, nature, and extent of Roman Catholic, Congregational, and other Nonconformist endowments in England and Wales."

AN Anglican Church Conference will be held at Wiesbaden (Germany) on May 13 and 14, under the presidency of Bishop Wilkinson, Bishop Coadjutor of London for Northern and Central Europe. The Rev. J. Capel Hanbury, chaplain, is chairman of the committee, and Mr. W. C. Tetley, 29 Friedrichstrasse, is treasurer. The conference will meet in the Weisser Saal at the Kurhaus. The Bishop will deliver an opening address, and several papers will be read. Among other subjects dealt with will be "Clerical Teaching with Reference to Recent Theories of Biblical Interpretation," "Marriage Laws and Customs as affecting British subjects on the Continent," and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Judgment in regard to the Bishop of Lincoln's case.—*Church Review*.

IT is stated on good authority, says one of the London correspondents, that the appeal in the Lincoln case will not be heard until the last week in May. Meanwhile great anxiety is being shown, both by High Churchmen and by Low Churchmen, as to the constitution of the court, the Low Churchmen being somewhat afraid of the High Church proclivities of the lord president Viscount Cranbrook, and the High Churchmen being suspicious of the Erastianism of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Halsbury. There is also a question whether the Bishop of London, who is on the rota as one of the assessors, will be asked to sit, as he was one of the assessors to the Archbishop. Whether or not the Bishop of London was the one dissentient from one part of the judgment to which the Archbishop alluded has never been authoritatively stated, but, notwithstanding the permission of the eastward position under the conditions stated in the judgment, the Bishop of London always takes the north end, even at St. Paul's Cathedral, where the 'north side' is a most inconvenient place for officiating.—*Church Review*.

A LARGE body of water has been discovered at El Golea, in the Sahara Desert, some six hundred miles south of Algiers, at a depth of 120 feet below the surface. It throws up nearly forty gallons per minute at present, and it is anticipated that the yield will be much greater when more perfect access to the water is attained. The discovery is regarded as of high importance, as this is said to be the first time that water has been found in the Sahara at such a slight depth under ground. All over the arid portion of Algeria there is an underground sheet of water, which is tapped by artesian wells in several localities, being reached at various depths according to situation. The sinking of these wells has been one of the

chief benefits conferred upon Algeria by the French occupation. The first was sunk in 1856, and reached the water at a depth of 196 feet. This yields 4,000 litres a minute. That recently finished, at Wad-el-melah, in Tunis, yields 10,000 tons of water daily—a quantity sufficient to fertilize twelve or thirteen hundred acres, and to sustain sixty thousand palm trees. By this means the desert of Sahara is being gradually reclaimed.

A BEAUTIFUL and impressive custom has for some years past been practised at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, Halifax, England. As soon as the early celebration of the Holy Communion on Easter Day is over the scholars meet in the Sunday school, and then, headed by the clergy and choir, walk in procession round the churchyard, singing the Easter hymn—the song of praise to the Risen Lord. All the villagers turn out to listen as the words of hope and comfort are echoed back to them from amongst the graves of their dear ones, and thus the Queen of Days is marked to them from its early dawn in a most striking manner.

This church, which till a few short years ago boasted of a black gown in the pulpit and an evening Communion, now has a surpliced choir of over thirty, a monthly early Celebration (there were 100 communicants at the early service on Easter Day), and a monthly mid day one; whilst the altar has been enriched with beautiful frontals, white, red, and violet, to which a handsome brass cross and vases have lately been added. The services are very hearty, and are specially characterized by their 'congregationalism,' hardly a member present not joining in.

RECIPE FOR A SERMON.—In reference to the controversy respecting the length of sermons, attention has been drawn to the following recipe of "how to compose a sermon," by Dr. Salter, who was Master of the Charterhouse from 1761 to 1777:—

"Take some scraps out of the best books you have; weigh them, and sift them thoroughly; then divide them into three parts, for dividing them into more is generally thought to crumble them too much. Work these well and handle them neatly, but neither mince nor chop them. Season the whole with a due proportion of salt, put in nothing that is too hard or difficult to digest, but let all be clear and candid; it should have some fire, for that will raise it and prevent its being heavy. You must garnish it with a few flowers, but not so thick as to hide the substance. Take care it is not overdone, for, as it is the last thing served up, if it is not inviting some of the company may not taste of it. In a hard frost or extreme cold weather it should be done in twenty minutes; in more temperate weather it may take half an hour. If it is done in a quarter of an hour it is fit for a king."

ONE good man, one man who does not put his religion on with his Sunday coat, but wears it for his working dress, and lets the thought of God grow into him, and through and through him, till everything he says and does becomes religious, that man is worth a thousand sermons, he is a living gospel.—*O. Kingsley*.