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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 21.  
 "Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THERE are 2,802 towns and villages within the Diocese of Minnesota. No wonder a division is sought.

H.R.H. the Duchess of York has become a Patroness of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

A liberal Churchman of the District of Columbia has forwarded \$1500 to the Board of Domestic Missions, and another one \$300.

Two thousand and seventy dollars were contributed by 77 Sunday schools in the Diocese of Minnesota for Missions during last Lent.

THERE are some 250,000 Scandinavians in the State of Minnesota whose position engaged the attention of the Convention of that diocese.

THE Board of Trinity College have re-elected the Rev. Professor Stokes to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History for another term of five years.

THE House of Laymen of Canterbury passed a strong resolution calling upon the Bishops to take active steps in behalf of Church schools in England.

At the Down and Connor Ordination on 23rd June a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Alex. Agnew McEwen Bell was admitted to the order of Deacon.

A VERY handsome and costly chalice of silver and gold has been presented to St. John's Church, Sligo, by Mrs. Peyton, in memory of her late husband.

BISHOP THOMAS, of Kansas, lately confirmed Mr. Samuel Bussel, heretofore a Congregational minister, and now a postulant for Holy Orders in the Church.

It is announced that the Bishop of Japan (Rt. Rev. E. Bickersteth, D.D.) will be married in September next to Miss Marion Forsyth, daughter of W. Forsyth, Q.C.

A member of Christ Church, Rye, N.Y., has placed in the tower of the church a clock and fifteen bells as a memorial of her parents. Next February the parish will celebrate its two hundredth anniversary.

GUIANA.—The Diocese of Guiana was founded in 1842, and on St. Bartholomew's Day in that year the Rev. Wm. Piercy Austin was consecrated as its first Bishop, and occupied the See for over 50 years, becoming also, on the formation of the Ecclesiastical Province of the West Indies, its PRIMATE. He entered into the rest of Paradise on November 9th, being the senior member of the whole Anglican Episcopate. The S. P. G. Report for 1892 speaks of him as "a Colonial Bishop *par excellence*, whose whole life was a contradiction to the shallow distinction so often made that Colonial work, however useful and necessary, is not Missionary work." From the first his diocese was a great Missionary field. The various tribes of Indians were gradually brought into the Christian fold, and



THE LATE MOST REV. W. PIERCY AUSTIN, D.D.,  
 Bishop of Guiana, Metropolitan.

as the commercial necessities of the colony grew, the enormous immigration of Coolies from India and China taxed the resources and challenged the Missionary spirit of the Bishop and people. For all these varied races the Bishop never relapsed his personal care; advanced years did not hinder him from making laborious journeys up the great rivers and into the remotest parts of his diocese. On the 50th anniversary of his consecration he was able to take part in the services of thanksgiving on the erection of the new and beautiful Cathedral; but it was evident that his long day of active, unwearying service for the Church he loved so well and had for so many years wisely guided, was nearly done. He truly may be ranked as one of the great founders and builders of the

Colonial Church. He has been succeeded by the Rt. Rev. W. T. Swaby, D.D., Vicar of St. Mark's, Millfield, Durham, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to whom, with the Bishop of London, Bishop Mitchinson and the Earl of Stamford, the selection was delegated by the Synod of the diocese. Referring to him and to the late Metropolitan of Canada (Rt. Rev. Dr. Medley, whose Episcopate covered over 47 years) the S. P. G. Report says: "Of these two great chief Pastors, each chosen by the free suffrages of their brethren to be the Metropolitans of their respective Provinces, it may truly be said that they fed their spiritual flocks with faithful and true hearts, and ruled them prudently with all their power. Twenty years ago a wise teacher declared in one of the most historic churches in London that the great want of the Colonial Churches was "a few more Bishop's graves." Not the least glorious feature of these two Episcopates is to be found in the fact that in their widely-severed Colonies future generations will always be able to point to the honoured graves of the two men whom the Mother Church sent forth to plant therein the Anglican Church in its integrity."

THE Clergy Distress Fund, open to the clergy of every diocese in England and Wales, has lately granted £1600, in sums of from £10 to £50, to distressed beneficed clergy.

THE Rt. Rev. Alex. Gregg, D.D., Bishop of Texas, died at Galveston, in that State, on July 11 last past. The Assistant Bishop, Dr. Kinsolving, now becomes Bishop of the diocese.

LORD JUSTICE KAY has given an additional sum of £1300 to endow studentships in Jesus College, Cambridge, in memory of Lady Kay. He gave £3000 for the same purpose in 1891.

REV. DR. STOKES has been elected by the Board of Trinity College, Dublin, to a further term of five years of the Chair of Ecclesiastical History, which he has filled with conspicuous success.

THE G. O. M., as the title of the Hon. Mr. Gladstone, has now been replaced by some with "G. O. G.," "grand old gagger," in view of his cowardly use of the *cloture* in the Irish Home Rule debate.

THE resignation is announced of two Wesleyan ministers in England, both of whom are expected to enter the Church of England. They are the Revds. Charles E. Joliffe, of Redhill,

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