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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.

**WORK IN LONDON, ENGLAND.**—The Bishop in his last charge stated that the Episcopal work proper had consisted of the consecration of seventeen new Churches, four enlargements of Churches, two new Churchyards, four enlargements of Churchyards, the ordination of 149 priests and of 150 deacons, and the confirmation of 19,249 men and boys and of 38,474 women and girls. He had, of course, had a great deal of other work, which was needed for the government of the Church and aid of the clergy; but the statistics mentioned supplied from time to time the surest indication of general progress or retrogression in the fulfilment of the Church's task. From the returns made by the clergy for this visitation he gathered the following particulars, which might be considered to supply the corresponding statistics for their part of the work, with the difference that the figures referred to one year only, and not to two and a half years. The number of communicants at Easter this year was 99,000, the average number at other times was 47,714; the number of baptisms was 81,894; the average number of services on each Sunday was 2,047, and on week days in each week 3,133; the average number of sermons in each week was 1,638; the estimated average of persons present at Sunday morning service was 200,890, and at Sunday evening services 205,496; and on week days 11,833.

**A BISHOP'S GIFT.**—The Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Hendon, Sunderland, which the Bishop of Durham is giving to that town, and the foundation-stone of which he laid on the 26th ult., will cost £8,000.

**A PRIEST'S GIFT.**—The re-opening of St. Barnabas, Queen Camel, Somersetshire, took place lately, after restoration by the Rev. A. St. John Mildmay at his own cost. The Bishop of Bath and Wells preached at the opening service. The place derives its name from Earl Godwin, who gave Camel to his wife as a dowry. On the death of her son, Harold, William the Conqueror granted it to his Queen; and for five hundred years it belonged to the Queens of England.

**EMIGRATION.**—The Report of the Emigrants' Spiritual and Moral Welfare Committee of the S.P.C.K. shows that there was a considerable increase in the number emigrating from our shores in 1886 over the previous year. The gross increase was 66,416; that of British and Irish emigrants only 25,256. Thus there was an increase in total emigration of about 25 per cent. Considerably more than one half of the passengers leaving Great Britain embarked at Liverpool. Five emigrant chaplains of the S.P.C.K. visited altogether 433 ships, carrying about 140,000 immigrants. They say: Seldom now does a ship sail that does not carry passengers specially commended to us. The American Church has its corresponding immigrant chaplain at New York, Dr. Drumm.

**THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD** has returned from the Continent after an absence of less than

three weeks, during which, along with the Bishop of Salisbury, he has visited Bonn, Freiburg, Olten, Munich, and Vienna, holding conferences with the bishops, clergy, and some of the principal laity of the Old Catholic Church, and attending their services. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. J. R. Keble, vicar of Perry Barr, one of his chaplains. The Bishop also had an interview with the veteran Dr. Dollinger, whose learned and powerful letter on the recent dogma of Papal Infallibility gave the first impulse to the Old Catholic movement, and still remains the most comprehensive statement of the grounds upon which they felt constrained to withdraw their allegiance from the Pope. The two bishops carried with them a letter in Latin, from the Archbishop of Canterbury, addressed to the bishops and clergy and laity of the Old Catholic Church.

**EARL SELBORNE'S DEFENCE.**—The Earl of Selborne, addressing a Church Defence Meeting at Bangor, on Monday evening, said that the tithe agitation in Wales was initiated and fostered by individuals who had no interest in the Welsh Church, but sought to compass the disestablishment and disendowment of the English Church. The refusal to pay tithes to the clergy was as bad as putting one's hand into a neighbour's pocket and abstracting his purse. He considered that it was a great pity the Tithes Amendment Bill introduced last session was not passed.

**A "NEW THEOLOGY."**—In England just now much is being said about a "new theology." It simply aims to supplant or pervert the faith once delivered to the saints as taught in Scripture and believed by the Church. The attempt is not new. It is an old thing in a new form. We want nothing to do with it. The "old paths" are the best; the recognized creeds are sufficient. They contain all that a man ought to know and believe to his soul's salvation. Let us hold fast to them. No danger can then happen.—*Church Press.*

**BETTING DENOUNCED.**—In his stirring address to the working men at the Wolverhampton Church Congress, the Bishop of Carlisle denounced with unusual energy the evil of "betting," as one of the great hindrances to religion.

**FATHERS OF THE CHURCH.**—The Bishop of Chichester in his eighty-fifth year, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells in his eightieth, presided last month at their diocesan conferences in excellent health, and delivered addresses full of wise counsel; reviewing the present circumstances of the Church of England.

**THE LATE MR. BERESFORD HOPE.**—The death of the Right Hon. A. J. B. Beresford Hope, M.P., has been felt by Churchmen of all schools as an almost personal loss, for apart from his private acts of liberality to the Church in the counties with which he was more immediately connected, he had identified himself with all the great central works of the Church and no representative gathering of Churchmen was complete without him. Born in 1820, he was

educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained a scholarship and prizes, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where, in 1840, he gained the English and Latin declamation prizes; graduated B.A., and obtained the members' B.A. University Prize for Latin Essay, 1841, M.A., 1844, and Hon. LL.D. 1864; Hon. D.C.L. of Oxford, 1848; Hon. LL.D. Dublin University, 1881; and Hon. LL.D. of Washington and Lee University, Virginia, and the University of the South, Tennessee, U.S.A.

**SUCCESSFUL EXPLANATIONS.**—The Palestine Orthodox Society has for some time past (a St. Petersburg correspondent says) been making excavations in the ground belonging to Russia in Jerusalem. The work has proved most successful, and has resulted in the discovery of the remains of the ancient town wall of Jerusalem, and the position of the gates leading out of the town during the lifetime of our Saviour. As these gates are nearest to Golgotha, it is concluded that through them our Saviour passed to the place of crucifixion. The Palestine Society has decided to take measures for preserving these sacred relics, and steps have been taken with this object. Owing, however, to lack of funds, an appeal is made to all true Christians to aid in the work. Subscriptions are received at the palace of the Grand Duke Sergius in St. Petersburg, his Imperial Highness being President of the Society.

**THE VEN. H. J. MATTHEW,** Archdeacon of Lahore, has definitely accepted the Bishopric of Lahore, which Dr. French will vacate at the end of December, and he will be consecrated in England early in January.

ONE of our correspondents in this issue calls attention to the attitude of Mr. Wm. Duncan, the Metlakahta missionary, to the doctrine and discipline of the Church, and suggests the pertinent query whether the American Church is willing to take this man, who repudiates the Church and her sacraments. The good Bishop, who thrilled the recent missionary council with his pathetic recital of Mr. Duncan's labors, could hardly have read "The Story of Metlakahta." If Mr. Duncan's position is correctly stated in that book, and the "story" is evidently inspired by him, he will hardly be grateful to Bishop Whipple, or to the Church, for proposing to include him and his Indians in the Alaskan Mission.—*N. Y. Exchange.*

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