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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.

THE Easter offerings at Holy Trinity Church, Harlem, N.Y., amounted to \$12,000.

EVEN in Puritan Boston, Lent has become an institution that is widely observed and singularly influential.

THE Bishop of Central, New York, states that during his Episcopate he has confirmed about 20,000 persons.

ST. LUKE'S Church, Norfolk, Rev. Mr. Lloyd, rector, on Easter put \$5,000 on the plate, after having on last Easter placed there over \$30,000 for their new church building.

AMONGST those confirmed at Trinity Church, New York, on the 16th April last was the Rev. Dr. W. W. Page formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Harlem, N.Y.

CAMBRIDGE.—Dr. Spalding, who recently reverted to Romanism, has returned to The Church. He will shortly publish his views on the inner life of the Roman Church.

THE Rev. S. M. Williams, D.D., pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fall River, Mass., has left that body and applied for Holy Orders. He has been a Methodist for 24 years, and accepts the polity of our Church as the true one.

THE Bishop of Guiana, the Most Rev. W. P. Austin, D.D., Primate of the West Indies has been presented with the sum of \$10,000 by the people of British Guiana as a personal gift in recognition of his 50 years Episcopate in that colony.

THE three hours' service on Good Friday is now such a regular institution that no church in London, England, at all well worked can get on without such a period of devout meditation on the incidents of the Crucifixion if it would keep its congregation together on that day. (So says one of our English exchanges.)

IT HAS been determined to raise the income of the Rev. Dr. Dowden and future Bishops of Edinburgh to at least £1,000 a year. It is at present £850. with house.

IN THE second week of April the Archbishop of Canterbury held a Court in the library of Lambeth Palace, and conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Right Rev. James Thomas Hayes, Bishop of Trinidad. His Grace then proceeded to the Palace Chapel, where he conferred the honorary canonry in Canterbury Cathedral, vacant by the death of Bishop Oxenden, upon the Rev. Christopher Bick Hutchinson, one of his Grace's examining chaplains.

AT THE consecration of the Bishop of Sodor and Man on Lady Day the sermon was preached by the Dean of Norwich, who said that the Church had, under conditions which were not all encouraging, confronted Secularism, and declared her resolve that the youth of the nation should be indoctrinated with definite dogmatic religion. She had surprised her foes and her friends by showing that free education was already restoring thousands of children to her schools. She had broken up overgrown parishes, erected thousands of mission rooms, recognised the inestimable blessing of lay help, and in many ways adapted the old systems to new needs. And it was but the plainest truth to say that this work exacted more time and toil and strength from the Bishops than from any other workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

EASTER IN NEW YORK.—All the churches in New York city had elaborate music on Easter day. The music-programmes which were published indicate unmistakably the rapid advance of Church music and the growing appreciation of it by the people in general. Floral decorations were profuse in all the churches and in some the flowers were so many and so costly as to excite surprise as well as pleasure. One of the most beautifully decorated churches was St. Bartholomew's. Potted plants and flowers were clustered thick about the chancel, font and pulpit. The windows also were banked with hyacinths, azaleas, white and La France roses and jessamines. The music at Trinity Church, to mention no other, was most impressive. The *Agnus* and *Gloria in Excelsis* were from Liszt's Imperial Mass; and the *Kyrie*, *Credo*s and *Sanctus* and *Benedictus* were from Schubert's mass in F. The offertory anthem was "The Lord is King," by Barnby. Dr. Dix preached. It was an Easter sermon, showing that in the Resurrection of our Lord was the assurance of the immortality of the soul.

BEAUTIFUL flowers decorated the chancel of St. Thomas' Church and their perfume filled the air. In the choir there were forty-three voices. The Rev. Dr. Brown preached on the text, "And there shall be no more death," Rev. xxi. 4.

THE new vested choir, consisting of thirty-two colored singers, took part in the Easter day services at St. Philip's Church. The choristers have been selected from some of the most accomplished singers in the city. The singing was excellent. New and elaborate brass candelabra and eucharistic lights for the altar, a gift from a parishioner, were used on Easter day for the first time. The candelabra are of solid brass, highly polished, forty-eight inches high; and the eucharistic lights, also of brass, are sixty inches high. These gifts cost \$1000. The Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, rector of the church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Wesley Johnson. A large congregation was present.

THE Church of Zion and St. Timothy was opened for worship the first time on Easter morning. At the eleven o'clock services there were more than 1,300 people present. The Rev. Henry Lubeck, rector of the church, preached an Easter sermon, prefacing it with a few remarks about the new church.

AT St. James' Church, Fordham, the Rev. James Holt, rector, a new memorial pulpit costing \$1000 was exposed to view on Easter morning. It is a gift of Mr. James Dashwood in memory of his mother, who was an active member of the parish.

"Early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up."—Psalm, 7: 3.

Our first waking thoughts in the morning should be directed to God, "who hath brought us safely to the beginning of another day." This first thought is as it were the opening of the eye of the soul. "Early in the morning will I direct my prayer and will look up." A set phrase is helpful, such as the *Gloria Patri*; *Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity*; may Jesus Christ be praised; or, O God Thou art my God. As the Jews of old were commanded to offer the first fruits of the ground to God, to show that the whole was His and only entrusted to them, so we who are the dear children of God offer waking thoughts and moments to Him, acknowledging thereby that of Him and to His glory should be all our waking hours.