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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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"Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom."

LORD our times are in Thy hand,  
All our sanguine hopes have planned—  
To Thy wisdom we resign,  
And would mould our wills to Thine;  
Thou our daily task shall give;  
Day by day to Thee we live:  
So shall added years fulfil,  
Not our own: Our Father's will.

—Conder.

## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

A HINT.—The Bishop of East Carolina evidently desired that the families in this diocese should understand his position and govern themselves accordingly, when he stated in his Convention address that he did not as a rule baptize or marry any one, unless the minister in charge were a deacon. He emphasized the fact that these were matters that devolved upon the rectors—a fact which is not sufficiently treated as such by bishops, clergy, or laity. The temptation to secure a Bishop or a former rector seem to be so irresistible that the indirect reflection upon the rector, and his loss of prestige and influence are of no account, in comparison with the passing notoriety of the social event of the season. In connection with this it might be noted that the Bishop of Ohio, in his lectures on Pastoral Theology, states to his students that while it is allowable with the rector's consent under certain conditions to officiate in another's parish, yet, in his judgment, it is an imperative requirement of clerical etiquette to turn the fee over to the rector; only personal expenses in going or coming being ever retained. Were this rule which this Bishop has ever followed, and many of his pupils, generally obeyed, much natural feeling would be prevented.

CHURCH ARMY.—So rapid is the advance of the Church Army in England that the services of several hundred more men and women are required to be trained as evangelists and mission nurses.

A GIFT.—An altar cross has been given to Lincoln Cathedral by students past and present of the Theological College of Lincoln. It stands five feet high, and the cost is 95l. It was solemnly offered and dedicated on the 9th inst.

CONFIRMATIONS IN ST. DAVID'S.—The Bishop of St. David's completed his confirmations for the year 1887 on the 30th ult., having held forty-five confirmations as against forty-three in 1886, and having confirmed 1264 males and 1740 females, in all 3004 persons, as against 1032 males and 1507 females; total 2539 in 1886. The annual average taken on the last three years has advanced at the following rate of increase:—Annual average during the three years ending 31st December, 1885, 2,419; 1886, 2,613; 1887, 2,759.

NEW DESIGN.—In the Parish Church of West-

bury, Wilts, a window just erected in memory of the wife of the Vicar, Rev. Walter Butt, (a daughter of Canon Towers). It consists of three lights, which are filled with figures typifying the continuity of the work of the Holy Spirit through the dispensations. The Old Testament dispensation is represented by Rachel (Gentleness), the New Testament dispensation by Priscilla (Diligence), and the Christian dispensation by St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Purity). The tracery contains angels holding shields with the words, "Gentleness," &c.

AUDACITY EXPOSED.—Cardinal Manning, having had the audacity in a recent sermon to say: "As the Sovereigns of England have been the heads of Parliaments of England, so the successor of St. Peter has been the chief legislator in nineteen Œcumenical Councils," the Rev. Dr. Littledale refutes the assertion, and points out in the *National Church* that the facts stand briefly thus: The first Œcumenical Council at Nicæa, A.D. 325, was not summoned by the Pope. The Pope was represented at it by legates, but the President was not one of them. The second, at Constantinople, A.D. 381, was not convoked by the Pope. Its first president was a Bishop who was disowned and excommunicated by the Pope. It enacted a canon which implied that the precedence of Rome was due not to any episcopate of Peter, but to the fact that it was the capital of the empire. No western Bishop was present in person or by proxy, and the Pope had no more to do with the Council than the man in the moon. The third, Ephesus, 431, was held to examine the heresy of Nestorius, who had been already tried and condemned by the Pope. The Council came to the same conclusion as the Pope had come to; but though the Pope's judgment was read, it was not treated as in any way decisive. The fourth, Chalcedon, 451, was summoned against the Pope's express remonstrance and disapproval. The fifth, Constantinople, 553, compelled the Pope to retract his own doctrine, and to confirm the contrary. The sixth, Constantinople, 680, anathematized Pope Honorius, who had died in 628, as a heretic—a condemnation renewed by every Pope for 1000 years afterwards. The seventh—so called—compelled the Pope to retract a former assent of his, and to pronounce what he had assented to heterodox. The remaining Councils were not Œcumenical at all, not being received in the East.

NOTEWORTHY EVENT.—The appearance of the Archbishop of York—the first Archbishop since St. Thomas a Beckett, who has argued in the Law Courts in person—contending for the independence of Convocation against the Crown in the Queen's Bench, has naturally caused much comment. It may be explained that the point in dispute is whether Canon Tristram may sit in Convocation for an archdeaconry other than that in which he resides, or rather labours by an order of the Northern Primate he cannot, and it is this order which was tested before the Court of Queen's Bench.

CHURCH HOUSE.—A petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the Archbishop of Canterbury and others praying for the grant of a charter under the style of "The Cor-

poration of the Church House." The petition will be considered by a Committee of Council on January 16.

A NOVEL BELL TOWER.—Near Laconia Mills, Washington Territory, there stands a homely little Episcopal Church half buried in shrubbery and ivy. It boasts the oldest bell tower in the country, if not on the continent, or perhaps in the world. It consists of a Douglas Pine about five feet across and cut off 75 feet from the ground. On this trunk is erected the Church bell, calling worshippers to Church. The tree is now grown with ivy nearly covering the whole section of the trunk, and presenting a pretty appearance.

THE Diocese of Delaware has made another ineffectual effort to elect a Bishop. The operation of the two-thirds rule prevented any confirmation by the laity of the clerical nominations. A notable event of the convention was the offering upon the altar of cash and pledges towards increasing the Episcopal funds amounting to \$30,000. This was a great achievement for a small and weak Diocese.

The clerical nominees for Bishop were: 1st. the Rev. Joseph D. Newlin, D.D., rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia; 2nd. the Rev. Boyd Vincent, D.D., rector of Calvary Church, Pittsburgh; 3rd. the Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, D.D., rector of Epiphany Church, Philadelphia; 4th. the Rev. Joseph Carey, D.D., rector of Bethesda Church, Saratoga, N.Y., but no nomination received the necessary two thirds of the lay votes. The election of a Bishop was therefore postponed until the 102d. annual convention, which meets at Dover, in June, 1888.

A LESSON.—The *Church Times* says, that Lord Derby who has been assailing the Welsh Church, has learned a lesson. The other day he wrote a letter in which he said that the power which united the Welsh and English Dioceses could separate them; leaving it to be inferred that Parliament was that power. He was, however, answered by Mr. Edward Tremen, of Leeds, who informed him that the union was effected not by Parliament, but by the Welsh prelates themselves, who in 1115 took the oath of canonical obedience to Archbishop Ralph of Canterbury. The noble lord in reply, admits that he knew nothing about the matter of which he had written, for he "does not profess to have given any special study to early Church history."

"Jesus Christ, the same,  
Yesterday, to-day and FOREVER,"

O Christ, Eternal are Thy human years,  
Brief in their space,  
Eternal in their grace;  
In them for us God still does live and move,  
The God of love,  
Wearing our flesh, in sorrow and in tears.

—A. E. H.

As solemn as the thought of one who is no more,  
Is the remembrance of the OLD year gone,  
When lo! the NEW YEAR standeth at the door.  
—A. E. H.