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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.

MISSIONS.—Three missionary studentships will be filled up at Selwyn College, Cambridge, in October next.

BISHOP Smythies was expected in England on Ascension Day, and will remain until after the Church Congress in October.

BERGEN, Norway, boasts a paper church large enough to seat 1,000 persons. The building is rendered waterproof by a solution of quicklime, curdled milk and white of eggs.

ENGLISH ONLY.—The Correspondence Committee of the Church Missionary Society have resolved that Bishop Crowther's successor shall be an Englishman, although it is probable that the society will consent to the appointment of a native assistant-bishop very shortly.

Y.H.L.—The Young Helpers' League is a union of boys and girls under eighteen years of age, chiefly of the upper and middle classes, in aid of crippled, blind, deaf and dumb and ailing children of the waif classes. The President is H.R.H. Princess Mary Duchess of Teck.

SMALL STIPENDS.—The Bishop of Dover, in his annual charge to the clergy and churchwardens of the archdeaconry of Canterbury, observes that it is a startling fact, that one in every six livings in the archdeaconry brings to the incumbent an available income of less than 150*l.*—less than the stipend of most curates (when the relative demands are taken into consideration), and far less than the salary of many head teachers of elementary schools.

WELL SAID.—On the subject of Fasting Communion, the *Guardian* says:—"Whether it is capable of logical defence or not, we are certain that it is not advisable at the present time to stir up a controversy on a subject of this nature. The prospect of thereby quieting consciences is considerably less than the prospect of unsettling and paining many loyal children of the Church of England."

DR. EDWARD BICKERSTETH, who has been Dean of Lichfield since 1875, has resigned his appointment owing to increasing infirmities. For some time the dean has been incapacitated by ill health from performing the active duties of his office. It was mainly through his instrumentality that the west front of Lichfield Cathedral has been restored at a cost of £36,000. The retiring Dean was a member of the New Testament Revision Company, and was prolocutor of the Canterbury Convocation from 1864 till 1880.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The annual festival of the Guild of the Parish Choirs was held in Boston on May 17th in two sections, none of the city churches being large enough to accommodate the choirs. Between 400 and 500 men and boys took part in the singing. The Choir Guild now includes 20 choirs with 554 choristers.

MAINE.—Bishop Neely confirmed 26 persons at Rockland on May 5th. During April there were 36 baptisms, 16 being adults. The number of persons confirmed in this diocese this year is larger than usual.

ANOTHER ACCESSION.—We noted last month the Confirmation of one who had been for some nine years a successful and respected minister among the Congregationalists, and his subsequent admission as a candidate for Holy Orders. It gives us great pleasure to record similar facts in connection with a prominent Methodist minister, Dr. Leroy Bates, who was confirmed at the Bishop's late visitation to North East Harbor, and whose application for admission as a candidate for Holy Orders is now in the hands of the Standing Committee.—*The North East, Maine.*

GENERAL CONVENTION.—The next meeting of the General Convention of the P. E. Church in the United States will be an important one in the history of the American church as finally settling the question of the Revision of the Prayer Book. No future amendments to the book can be proposed, as we understand the question. As set forth by this Convention the Prayer Book will be the standard book of worship for the Church in America.

TEXAS.—The Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, has been elected assistant Bishop of the diocese of Texas, the health of the present Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg, being such as to necessitate the appointment of an assistant.

SPRINGFIELD.—The diocese of Springfield has also elected an assistant Bishop, the Rev. C. R. Hale, D.D., Dean of the Cathedral at Davenport. The appointment is made in consequence of the large extent of the diocese and the increase in population.

CAPE COLONY.—According to the latest census the Church of England has 69,789 European adherents in the Colony; the Wesleyans, 19,509; the Roman Catholics, 14,852; the Presbyterians, 12,562, and the smaller bodies, 20,793 all told; the grand total being 67,716, so that the Church has more European adherents than all the other religious bodies added together.

THE English Churchman, London, England, says that a Unitarian minister has been advocating the adoption by the Free Churches of some form of the Confessional! The ground of this proposal is said to be the prevalent immorality among the young.

COREA.—On the first Sunday of the new year the Bishop of Corea set apart the first holy table presented to the mission, the gift of two kind friends in Chemulpo. It is a beautiful piece of work, of oak, designed by Bishop Scott, of North China, and executed entirely by a Chinese carpenter in Chefoo. On it, engraved in Chinese characters, are the words, "Behold the Lamb of God."

S.P.C.K.—At the recent monthly meeting of the S.P.C.K. the following grants were voted. Towards the building of six churches in Canada, 155*l.*; four in the West Indies, 110*l.*; three in New Zealand, 70*l.*; also 330*l.* were set apart for the training of native clergy; and 1370*l.* for the spiritual care of emigrants. Notice was also given of a grant of 1000*l.* towards the endowment of the new See of Calgary. The book grants voted amounted to 529*l.* of which 200*l.* worth of tracts, &c., in ten different languages, were given to the 'Missions to Seamen' Society for distribution amongst the crews frequenting various seaports.

C.E.S.S.—The Bishop of London presided at the forty-ninth annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday School, Institute at Exeter Hall, London. The report showed that there were 380 associations connected with the Institute in various parts of the world. Forty-one of these were in London and eighteen in India. The local branches had considerably increased, and twenty-three new associations had been opened during the past year. The total membership now numbered 44,600. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said he saw in the operations of this institution that the work was not only growing and extending, but that it was improving in quality. They had 2,500,000 scholars connected with the Institute and 200,000 teachers engaged in the work.

Do right and God's recompense to you will be the strength and will of doing more right.

It is often our duty to do that which has disfavor, and it is also our duty to often leave undone that which has our favor.