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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.

THE two dioceses in Ohio will hold special Conventions on October 16th, for the purpose of electing assistant-bishops.

THE Archbishop of York and the Bishops of Durham, Carlisle, Lichfield, and Wakefield, have been appointed special preachers at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, during the ensuing terms of 1888-89.

THE Bishop of Iowa was the appointed preacher on the occasion of the consecration of Canon Harrison, as Bishop of Glasgow. The consecration was fixed to take place at St. Mary's Church, Glasgow, on St. Michael's Day.

BISHOP PERRY, while in residence at Llandaff Cathedral as Canon, was seized with a paralytic stroke, which has for the time utterly prostrated him. Later accounts say that he is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

THE Church of England Young Men's Society is rapidly coming to the front. During last year there were eighteen new branches started, and the reports from the existing branches were on the whole good.

MRS. CHARLES TURNER, of Liverpool, who a little more than a year ago gave £20,000 to the diocese of Liverpool towards creating a Clergy Pension Fund, has made a similar munificent gift to the archdiocese of York. Such benefactions entitle the giver to gratitude as well as to admiration.

THE RT. REV. W. H. A. BISSELL, D.D., Bishop of Vermont, while making a visitation at St. John's, Highgate, on Sunday, September 16th, had a shock of paralysis. It is understood that there is no immediate danger unless another should occur. At last accounts the Bishop was rapidly recovering, though yet unable to return home.

THE Scotch Presbyterians are levelling up. One of their leading London ministers has lately commended "the plan of prepared or premeditated prayer" as a more excellent way than the long extemporaneous effusions of the past. He also recommends daily service, audible responses, kneeling at prayer, and so forth. In short, he takes a long-winded way of recommending the Book of Common Prayer. We hope Presbyterians will see it in that light.

IN a letter to the *Standard*, Mr. Humphreys Owen lately asked—"What impression has the Established Church made on the great Nonconformist bodies in England? As everybody knows, none whatever." Replying to this challenge, the Rev. C. E. Walker, Rector of March, writes:—"I have been in holy orders but eight years, yet, during this time, I have been the fellow-curate of one who left the Wesleyan ministry to join the Church of England. I have baptized dozens of adults, and prepared numbers for confirmation, all of whom had been brought up as Nonconformists. In my

small country parish, during the last eighteen months, I have baptized thirteen persons as adults, every one of whom had been brought up in Nonconformity." As regards Wales Mr. Walker adds:—"On December 4, 1887, at a confirmation held at Llantwit-Vardre, when there were ninety candidates, all but three were converts from Nonconformity. At Pontlottyn, on December 11, when thirty-one adults were baptized, and fifty-one males and sixty-three females confirmed, nearly all had been formerly Nonconformists."

AT the re-opening of the ancient Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Armagh, after undergoing extensive improvements, the Bishop of Derry, in well chosen words, reminded the Church of the long and chequered history of the Cathedral. "It was a place of great memories. Since the year 455 there had always been a shrine to Christ's worship upon that hill, and what a grand retrospect it was. One hundred and twenty-two years before Augustine of England landed upon the shores of Thanet there was a place of worship in that spot." The American Church was represented by the Bishop of Mississippi at the re-opening of the building.

THE seventh meeting of the York Diocesan Conference will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 24th and 25th of October. The subjects to be discussed include Elementary Education; Foreign Missions; the Labor Question—[a] Co-operation; [b] Socialism; [c] the Sweating System; [d] Wages. Devotional subject, 'Ye are come . . . to the spirits of just men made perfect' (Heb. xii. 23). Church Endowment—[a] The Tithe Rent-charge Bills; [b] Redemption of Tithes; [c] Maintenance of Curates; [d] Glebe Land; Wholesome Literature; Church Work among Itinerant Populations; Prevalence of Betting and Gambling; Encouragement of Thrift. Devotional subjects, 'Requisites for effectual service of Christ.'

THE Committee on Lay Helpers of the diocese of N.Y., in their report at the last Convention referred to the increasing need of more lay helpers in the Church, and said that the Clergy had all they could do and must be assisted by the laity; that the 447 places of worship in New York only gave seating capacity to a fifth of the population: that while a great population among the lower classes was not reached at all, there were signs that their moral condition must become still worse; and that there were few Christian helpers to meet, advise, and aid the large number of immigrants coming to our shores. In country districts, the moral condition of things was low, and in some localities not far away, virtue was practically unknown. There was plenty of material in the Churches for work, and immediate action was necessary. If laymen were indifferent, it was because there were so few channels in which their efforts were utilized and called for. Lay helpers had been effective in Long Island, and in England they had done in some dioceses excellent service. The plan of the Committee was to divide the lay helpers into lay workers, lay preachers, and lay mis-

sionaries. The first should do parish work in visiting tenements, caring for immigrants, guarding against pernicious literature, &c. The second should be fitted to preach and speak, and should be "licensed to do so in tents or halls under the rector's direction." The third should be able to assist in the training of lay helpers, and should be licensed to preach and do mission work in the dioceses only to which they belonged.

THE decadence of Wesleyanism in Great Britain in common with that of nearly all the other sects, which has been chronicled for several years, is continuing with a steady progression, and is, according to Mr. Spurgeon, due to the growth of spirituality in the Church of England, where the dissenting wanderers find their true home. The leakage of the last year which the Wesleyan Conference has had under review is said to amount to no fewer than 40,000 members, and this, allowing for the annual increase of population, represents in reality a far larger falling off.

IN the course of his address at the 105th Annual Convention of the diocese of New York held on 20th September ult, Bishop Potter said that in addition to much other work the past year, he had confirmed 3,665 persons, celebrated the Holy Communion 56 times, dedicated four churches and parish houses, delivered 312 sermons, and ordained 32 persons. Ten deacons had been advanced to the priesthood, and there were now 17 persons in deacon's orders. Eighty-two commissions had been issued to lay readers. In regard to the Cathedral, he said that architects had been invited to submit designs, and he hoped that in a work of such magnitude the American "lust for finishing" would not avail to complete it during the present generation, but that it would be left for future generations to finish.

IT is proposed to erect as a memorial to Bishop Elliott, of Western Texas, in San Antonio, a building to be devoted solely to the interest of the working classes, to provide a comfortable and attractive meeting and resting place for them after their hours of labor. Every effort will be made to promote the comfort and entertainment of all who will come in.

THE nomination of Mr. Jayne to the See of Chester is the fifth successive appointment of a vicar of Leeds to high preferment in the Church, the previous ones being Dr. Atlay to the Bishopric of Hereford, Dr. Hook to the Deanery of Chichester, Dr. Woodford to the Bishopric of Ely, and Dr. Gott to the Deanery of Worcester.

THE consecration of the Rev. Dr. Coleman, Bishop-elect of Delaware, will take place in St. John's Church, Wilmington, on St. Luke's Day, Oct 18, at 10 45 a.m. The presenters are the Bishops of Easton, and the Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. The preacher is the Bishop of Pittsburgh.

THE special Council of the diocese of Fond du Lac for the election of a Bishop will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 13th.