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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.

OREGON is now a diocese, and Bishop Morris, of course, its first Diocesan Bishop, as he has so long been its wise and energetic Missionary Bishop.

THERE are now 600 deaconesses who have been trained at the Kaiserworth Deaconess Home. They are employed in schools and hospitals in Germany, Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Asia Minor, and Constantinople.

THE Pope has issued an encyclical saying that in difficult times the Church has had recourse to the intercession of the saints, and that, at the present time, it is expedient "that the Christian people should acquire the habit of invoking" Joseph the husband of Mary. He therefore furnishes a prayer which begins: "We turn in our trouble to thee, Blessed Joseph." This is part of the teaching which the Romish Church would like to have provided at public expense for future American citizens. We have no doubt that if Joseph could answer

that prayer he would do it in the words of one of the seven angels to St. John the Apocalypst: "See thou do it not; I am a fellow-servant with thee. Worship God."—*The Church Messenger, Buffalo, N. Y.*

OUR Church is not as liberal in its recognition of the Church press as it might be, *to its best advantage*. The success of all Christian work can be helped very materially by the *generous support* of religious papers, whether diocesan or general in their scope. We suffer by comparison with the press list of other less religious denominations. Why so?—*Church Year*.

THE recent Synod of the Orthodox Church in Japan brought out the following facts and statistics:

Addition to Church during past year.....	1,767
Number of adherents in full.....	17,309
Lay readers, preachers and catechists.....	126
Clergy—Russian (1 bishop 2 priests, 1 deacon.)	
Japanese (16 priests, 3 deacons, 1 sub deacon).....	20
Church buildings .....	149
Other places of worship.....	215

THE curious little chapel of Spital-on-the-Street, Lincolnshire, has just been re-opened after restoration. It is the sole surviving relic of a hospital dedicated to St. Edmund King and Martyr, founded at a very early period as a place of refuge and refreshment for belated wayfarers on the great Roman road which runs in a straight line from Lincoln to the Humber, and in the whole of its thirty miles' course does not pass through a single village or hamlet.

A MISSIONARY camping trip was lately made by the Rev. Mr. Restarick and the Rev. Mr. Iderton, with an organist, chorister and "clerk" or leader in the responses. A mule team was the means of locomotion. Some half dozen places were visited in the mountains and valleys back from San Diego, and services held, with celebrations of the Holy Communion, preaching and baptisms, with one burial service. The trip is graphically described in Mr. Restarick's parish paper, the *American Churchman*. It demonstrated once more the need of itinerant missionary work.

ONE of the last acts of the General Convention of the P. E. Church lately held in N. Y. was to frame a canon on deaconesses. It provides that unmarried women of decent character and proved fitness may be appointed to the office of deaconess by any bishop of the Church. Her duties are to assist the minister in the care of the poor and sick, religious training of the young and moral reformation. Deaconesses have to be twenty-five years of age; they may resign their office at any time, but may not act in their office until set apart for it by an appropriate religious service.

CANTERBURY.—The Archbishop in the last week of October held his quadrennial visitation at five centres of the Archdiocese, delivering a series of most impressive addresses. On Tuesday he dealt with the general question of the Church's relation to the world. He had a

word to say about "the loud spirit of party," which was manifested in the Church, he dealt at large with social questions. At Ashford, his Grace dealt mainly with the purity question. In his remarks he deprecated a habit of recommending confession beyond that point which the Prayer-book defined. To put any mind through a catechism of sins and crimes, and especially on the subject of impurity, was not only a violation of the ministerial commission, but a lesson in corruption. A book which excited just indignation in 1877 was withdrawn by the editors, and he could not too much reprobate the fact that extracts from that book were widely circulated in the supposed interests of Protestantism. On Saturday the Archbishop concluded his visitation charge at the parish church, Croydon. He briefly recapitulated the three great social problems which the Church ought to deal with, viz., poverty and suffering, intemperance and impurity, and proceeded to point out that the solution of these important questions ought to rest principally with the laity of the Church. Abundant lay work was one of the most pressing needs of the Church. The laity were the Church, and the social causes which so often resulted in poverty and sin must be dealt with in an individual manner. They had in every parish churchwardens and sidemen who were valued lay workers of the official sort, so to speak; but there was still need of much lay work either associated together or as individuals. Churchmen with business capacities were wanted to organize and carry on the various recreation and other clubs and societies in every parish, by which the young could be kept together and encouraged. Historical lectures were also useful, and the Church had no reason to be ashamed of her history. Some people had the gift of sympathy, and they should use it in the interests of the Church and for the welfare of their neighbors. Let no one say that he could do so little that it was not worth while to do anything, for he would remind them that the apathy and coldness of the laity were felt. Then there was work in connection with the great societies of the Church, most of which were indebted for their existence to the efforts and co-operation of laymen of past generations. Above all, there should be a band of laymen in each parish associated together as it were in a small society for mutual instruction, help, and encouragement. That was a matter on which he had especially to address the clergy of the diocese. What they wanted was the spontaneous energy and the pure spirit of sympathy of the laity. With reference to lay-readers the Archbishop remarked that some people desired to see an order of lay-readers with commissions to exercise their functions universally within the Church, but such an extension of power could not be conferred except on a recognized standing involving examinations and training; and it must ever be remembered that lay work was quite separate from the Clerical office.

THE Bishop of Marlborough lately addressed a large meeting of cabmen who use the Great Western Railway Station at Paddington, and the Church Army provided a good supper for them.