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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 Young Men's Friendly Society now has 550 branches in almost all parts of England.

THE first Wakefield Diocesan Synod met at Wakefield, under the presidency of Bishop How, on Monday, the 29th ult.

VERMONT.—Bishop Bissell is much improved in health and hopes to begin his visitations of the parishes of the Diocese early in May.

AT St. Mark's, Battersea Rise, the number of communicants on Easter Day was 610, the total seating accommodation of the Church being 600.

THE family of the late Bishop Woodsworth, of Lincoln, has contributed the sum of £2000 to the Southwell Bishopric Endowment (Completion Fund).

IT is authoritatively announced that the Rev. John Williams, for four years pastor of Libanus Chapel, Maesteg, will shortly be ordained a minister of the Church of England.

THE Easter edition of *The Young Churchman*, Milwaukee, reached 60,000 copies. There were orders for some 5,000 more. Bishop Knight has been elected President of the Young Churchman Company.

ALL Sunday freight trains on the Pennsylvania railroad, except those containing livestock and perishable merchandise, have been discontinued. The order gives rest to several thousand employes.

THE Duke of Westminster has contributed the sum of £500 to the East London Church Fund, and has promised to continue the same as an annual subscription. Sir S. Maryon Wilson has likewise sent £1000 to the fund.

THE voluntary contributions to the disestablished Irish Church for 1888 amounted to £148,000, an increase of £11,400 over the previous year. The total voluntarily contributions since the Disestablishment exceed £3,500,000.

A set of eight tubular bells, have been put in the tower of the old White Chapel Clockheaton, in memory of the late Rev. R. T. Taylor, who was for fifty years vicar. The bells have been made by Messrs. J. Harrington & Co., Coventry.

Archdeacon Denison states that the signatures to the Declaration and Remonstrance comprise some 60,000 of all classes, and that other signatures are coming in by many hundreds every day. Signatures will be open certainly until after Whitsuntide.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the nomination of the Rev. Henry Ware, canon of Carlisle Cathedral, to be Bishop Suffragan of Barrow-in-Furness, in that diocese. The Archbishop of York consecrated deacon, Crosthwaite

as Bishop of Bombay, and Canon Ware as Bishop of Barrow, in York Minister on May 1st.

The Hon. Hugh W. Sheffey of Virginia, who died in April, was no doubt the leading layman on the floor of the General Convention of the P. E. Church of the United States. He was a member of the Missionary Council, and of the Committee on Liturgical Revision.

SOUTHERN OHIO.—Bishop Vincent is winning the hearts of his people and priests everywhere by his gentle, kindly ways, and his personal interest in every one whom he meets. This diocese is beginning already to show signs of new life under his able and magnetic ministrations.

Dr. Selwyn, the second Bishop of Melanesia, has his headquarters at Norfolk Island, amongst the descendants of the mutineers of the *Bounty*. He is the inheritor of his father's missionary enterprise, and an indefatigable cruiser amongst the host of islands that have been placed under his jurisdiction.

THE new governor of New Mexico, the Hon. L. Bradford Prince, is well known as a member of the General Convention of the Church in the United States, the Secretary of the Church Building Fund Commission, and a member of the standing committee of the Missionary District of New Mexico and Arizona.

Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, sent the Standing Committee of his diocese two important documents. One of them resigns, without conditions, all Episcopal authority and jurisdiction to the Bishop who shall be elected at the approaching convention. The other contains his resignation as Bishop of Ohio, which cannot be completed until the House of Bishops accepts it next fall. Bishop Bedell's health is such that he has no expectation of being able to resume active work.

About fifteen years ago the present Bishop of Massachusetts was elected, and found his staff of clergy to be 108, now the number is 188. During the past year, in this diocese alone, five ministers from various denominations have either been ordained or have applied for Holy Orders in the Church. They are as follows:—the Rev. E. C. Atkinson, Baptist; Rev. Geo. E. Allen, Congregationalists; Rev. W. T. Shields, Baptist; Rev. F. W. Bailey, Universalist; Rev. E. W. Gould, D. D., Baptist.

THE plan for building the Church of the Epiphany at Port Said had its inception so long ago as the first months of 1882. The building has just been finished and will be consecrated by Bishop Blyth in the first or second week of May. It is of the Oriental style of architecture, with domed roof and minarets, and has cost £2200, exclusive of the site, which was a free gift is estimated to be worth £2000. The material is Maltese stone, concrete, and brick. Except the doors and furniture there is no woodwork in the building. Accommodation for 250 worshippers is provided. The importance of a Church at this place is shown by

the fact that about 250,000 people pass every year through the Suez Canal, all of whom stop for a time at Port Said, and that nine-tenths of this number are British, the greater part of whom are, of course, sea-faring folk. A hospital in connection with the Church has also been erected at a cost of £5,000, and an income of £2,000 a year has been secured for it by the payment of owners of the ships. There is no more important chaplaincy between England and India than that at Port Said.

NEW CANAAN, CON.—A beautiful set of silver vessels for the Holy Communion, consisting of chalice, paten, flagon and cruet for water, together with a handsome lectern of brass, all of chaste design and excellent workmanship, were dedicated to the service of Almighty God, in St. Mark's Church on the morning of Easter Day. The following inscription is engraved on the lectern and on the reverse side of the paten:

"To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Ellen McIlvaine Bond. Easter, 1889. St. Mark's Church, New Canaan, Con."

THE Bishop of Landaff, speaking at a luncheon after the laying of the foundation-stone of a church at Graingetown, referred to the large number of persons confirmed by him, and especially mentioned that on the previous Tuesday, at Monmouth, he had confirmed a Baptist Minister, who informed him that he was going to Birmingham Theological College, to train for Holy Orders. It is also stated that two other Nonconformist preachers are preparing to come over to the Church, if they have not actually taken the step. One is a graduate of London University and belonged to the Independents, while the other is a well-known minister of the Calvinistic Methodist body and a young man of great promise.

THE munificence of the late Sir Frederick Ouseley was so great that his friends had to protest against the way in which he deprived himself of the conveniences of life. The late Prebendary Joyce, who was the lifelong friend neighbor of Sir Frederick, told the writer of these lines that the late Bishop of Capetown, pleading for help for the Church in South Africa in the very thick of the Colenso troubles, was informed by the deceased that he was so deeply involved with pecuniary liabilities connected with St. Michael's that he had not a farthing at his disposal. Next morning as the Bishop was going he said, "I cannot refuse you a trifle. If you like to sell that stone for your mission, do so." It was in a jewel box, and the Bishop did not open it till he got to London, where, on taking it to a well-known jeweller, that worthy said: "I suppose you really are a Bishop; why, this is a Persian stone of the rarest value, the whereabouts of which no one has known for years." The Bishop was able to satisfy the jeweller of his identity, and the stone, which belonged to the father of Sir Frederick, so long British Minister in Persia and a distinguished Orientalist, astounded Bishop Gray by the sum it fetched. Sir Frederick was the most hospitable of men and genial of hosts, as all who have attended St. Michael's Day luncheons and