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"Grace be with 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 Church Army uses and hires out tents for Mission purposes during the summer time, experienced and trained Evangelists being sent with them.

The Church of England Young Men's Society held its annual service on the evening of the 28th April, in St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rev. Canon Scott Holland, being the preacher.

Archdeacon Freer announces that in the archdeaconry of Derby there are now fully a hundred benefices of less than £200 a year, and twenty-two of less than £100 a year.

St. Margaret's church, Caroline County, Virginia, lately destroyed by fire, was one of the historic churches of the U. S. It was built long before the Revolution, the bricks having been brought from England.

At East St. Louis (St. Mary's Mission), Diocese of Springfield, the Bishop of Cairo confirmed on Easter Day last 15 persons; eight of these had either been brought up as Romanists or were the children of lapsed Roman parents.

The Bishop of St. Asaph held a confirmation on the 22nd of April, in the parish Church, Llanfyllin, Montgomeryshire, Wales, when 55 were confirmed, of whom 15 had been at one time attendants at dissenting places of worship.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Right Rev. Dr. Barry, formerly Bishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, now Canon of Windsor and chaplain to Queen Victoria, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Columbia College, U.S.

The Rev. F. Palmer, writing for the *Andover Congregational Review*, says: "A wave of Episcopacy is upon us," and he accounts for it because Episcopacy represents "organization and institutionalism, at the same time permitting individual and local independence."

The Fifteenth Church Congress will be held in the City of New York on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th of November next, under the presidency of the Bishop of New York. The topics already adopted by the executive committee are said to be of great and present-day interest.

The Dean and Chapter of Bristol Cathedral encourage workmen and their friends to visit the building and have arranged that on the first Saturday of every month, from May to September, they shall be shown over the Cathedral between 3 and 4 p.m.

An organ which is 200 years old was reopened in the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on the evening of Thursday week, after a thorough restoration and renovation. It was constructed by the famous builder, Father Smith, and was placed in the church two years after the Revolution of 1688.

On May 3rd, the Church Army held a gala day, commencing at Westminster Abbey in the morning and finishing at Princess Hall in the afternoon and evening. Part of the programme consisted of speeches from various working men and women, working in the slums, and from a number of persons re-claimed.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking at the annual meeting of the Central Y. M. C. A., London, took occasion to remark in order to guard against any shadow of false pretense as to his being present at the meeting "that he did not think it a matter of importance what church a person belonged to."

The S. P. C. K. which began in 1840 by giving £10,000 to the Colonial Episcopate Fund "for the endowment of Sees in the colonies and dependencies of the British Empire," has up to the present voted £88,000 towards the increase of the Colonial Episcopate. Canada, North America, the West Indies, Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand have all benefitted through this fund.

The Bishop of Kentucky confirmed at St. Paul's church, Newport, on April 9, a class of eighteen. A remarkable feature of the class was this that the males outnumbered the females two to one, there being twelve men and six women. Another fact noted was that there were three married men and four married women. In every such instance the man or woman had not been brought up in the Church.

Professor Harris, of Cambridge, formerly of the Faculty of Johns Hopkins University, has reported to Professor Nestle, at Turbingen, that a palimpsest containing the complete Syrian text of the four Gospels has been discovered in the Convent of Mount Sinai. Hitherto only fragments of the Syrian text have been known.

The discovery is regarded as a very important one, inasmuch as this text is the oldest authenticated text of the Gospels in existence.

Mr. Herring, Vicar of St. John Baptist, Tuebrook, Liverpool, appears to be a faithful priest. He warned, in his "Parish Magazine" his parishioners against attending the Florence Institute (a Unitarian place of instruction and amusement lately established therein) and, as a reason, stated that Unitarians deny that our Lord is the Son of God; speak of the sacrifice of Calvary as a mere cold-blooded murder; and that at this place, "Christ was despised and rejected of men."

The Bishop-suffragan of Beverley says that out of the 145 benefices in the archdeaconry of York, thirty-nine are under £200 a year. Archdeacon Palmer announces that in 126 parishes in the archdeaconry of the East Riding the average income is little more than £200 a year; in thirty cases the incumbent has to maintain and educate his family and support the schools and charities on little more than £100 a year; and, finally, there are eleven parishes where the stipend varies from £60 to £85 a year. These facts strongly testify to the poverty of the clergy in those parts.

At the meeting of the London Diocesan Conference held in the third week in April, a debate on religious education and Board schools took place, after which a resolution was passed demanding "that the religious teaching should be on the lines of the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Ten Commandments. In referring to this the "Church Review" says: "That Agnostics, Secularists, and Unitarians should object to this we can easily understand; but that those who are called orthodox dissenters, and, above all, Churchmen should be content to allow the rising generation to be taught a creedless religion is a treachery, a disloyalty, to their Saviour which we are entirely unable to comprehend."

The Bishop of Liverpool at the instigation of the Mayor of Liverpool, took exception to Mr. Herring's words and a correspondence ensued. In it Bishop Ryle objects to applying the words: "despised and rejected of men" to the Unitarians on the ground that "while the Unitarians of the present day reject the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, they certainly do not despise him as a great man and a great teacher." To that Mr. Herring replies that rejecting Christ's Godhead is to despise Him. "It may be true as your Lordship says that the Unitarians do not despise Him as a great man and a great teacher; that makes little consequence for even Josephus, the Jew, admitted the beauty of His human character and, indeed, nobody can despise or gainsay that." And he quotes the following words from a local Unitarian minister: "We, Unitarians, do not believe that Jesus Christ is God—the Unitarian does not believe that souls are saved in virtue of any price paid by Christ to God or devil. There is no scheme