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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.

It has been announced that the Bishopric of Bath and Wells has been offered to the Right Rev. Dr. Kennion, Bishop of Adelaide, Australia.

MR. GEORGE HAZELHURST proposed to read publicly during the meeting of the Wesleyan Conference at Birmingham, last month, the sermon of the Rev. John Wesley, known as the "Korah Sermon."

THE Bishop of Salisbury dedicated a new church at Bourne Valley, near Bournemouth, in the third week in July. The church has cost several thousand pounds, will seat about 600 persons, and is of very handsome design.

THE new church of St. Hilda, at Sunderland, erected to the memory of the late Bishop Lightfoot, has been consecrated by the Bishop of Durham. The cost has been nearly £8,000, and there is accommodation for about 500 people in the church.

THE *Birmingham Daily Gazette* says that on Sunday, 15th July, the Dean of St. David's entered his ninety-third year, having been born on St. Swithin's Day, 1802. Dean Allen is in vigorous health of mind and body, attends the cathedral service twice daily, and superintends all business.

THE Third International Congress of the OLD CATHOLICS will be held at Rotterdam on the 28th and 30th August, inst. The last Conference was held at Lucerne, and those who were present considered that its debates and intercourse did much to promote harmony and further Christian Unity.

THE Rector of Richmond, Yorkshire, the Rev. Canon Danks, has been appointed by the Bishop of Ripon to the Archdeaconry of Richmond, vacant by the resignation of the Ven. G. Cust, who is now 90 years of age, and has held the office for the past 26 years. Canon Danks recently refused the Bishopric of Wellington, New Zealand.

THE Bishop of Worcester recently received a large number of Birmingham workmen at Hartlebury Castle, and addressed them on the hearty enthusiasm of the workmen at the meetings of the Church Congress, and spoke of the enormous power for good they might exert in their own neighbourhood, and how they could help forward the work of Church extension in the city.

THE *Worcester Diocesan Magazine* says that it is proposed to place in the great church of St. Michael, Coventry, (probably on the north wall of the interior of the great tower,) a very large and beautiful memorial brass, in memory of all

the Bishops who have ruled the several dioceses in which that old Saxon tower has been placed from the time of the creation of the Mercian see at Repton, in the year 656. If sufficient means should be obtained in time, it is hoped that the memorial will be unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese at the time of the proposed diocesan conference at Coventry in October next.

THE House of Laymen of the Province of Canterbury, through their Chairman, Lord Selborne, addressed, last month, a formal Protest to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury against the Bill for the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales, expressing the hope that the attack—one "really upon the whole Church of England"—will be strenuously and everywhere resisted by Churchmen.

THE Rev. C. Arthur Lane has a very long list of engagements for his Picture Lectures during the coming season: more, in fact, than in any previous year to date, over a hundred nights being already definitely taken up. He is to be in London, suburbs, and South Coast towns between Michaelmas and Christmas, and in North of England towns (Lanes, Yorks, and Cheshire,) from Christmas to Lent. Mr. Lane is busily engaged in preparing a large number of additional illustrations for further improvement of the work.

THE Church Army have concluded the arrangements for taking possession of the whole of the Thelutham estate, near Thetford, Suffolk, which will now, under the direction of their manager, Mr. T. R. Johnson, be fitted up in every way as a preparation for young men without means for colonial life. The training will include a slight knowledge of carpentering, tailoring, boot-making, blacksmith work, etc. The farm will work in close touch with the emigration agency of the society in Montreal, and also with the numerous labour homes of the society.

IN the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, at its session last month, it was resolved, upon the Report of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Sunday opening of museums and picture galleries: "That it is the duty of the Church to remind the people of England that the foremost privilege of the Lord's Day is the privilege and responsibility of worship."

The following motion, introduced by the Bishop of Rochester, was opposed by the Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, Ely and London, and was lost by a large majority: "That since it is evident that an increasing number of persons—for whom Sunday is the only day of leisure—find the reasonable use of libraries, picture galleries and museums on that day to be wholesome and profitable, it is necessary, in the highest interests, both of visitors and attendants, that such Sunday opening should be carefully guarded against unfairness or misuse."

At the opening of the new Church schools at Kingston, lately, the Bishop of Rochester stated that in his diocese there were upon the books of the Church schools, in 1884, 76,000 children; but to-day they had upon their books 101,000, in spite of the Board schools that had been built on all sides. In 1884 the number of schools that were marked by their inspectors as "very good" was 135; but last year the number marked "very good" had risen to 305. These figures should rouse Church people in South London to greater exertions than ever on behalf of this, undoubtedly the most important work of the Church. £7,200 was the amount voluntarily subscribed towards building these new schools at Kingston, but a sustentation fund will be needed to keep them going, and the Bishop's advice to the managers to multiply the number of people who really cared about the education that was to be given to the children was just what is needed at this time. It is the small subscriptions of the many rather than the larger ones of the few that is required.

"MANY Churchmen are much perplexed," says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, "over the ceremony at the White Lodge, when the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of York was baptized by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service took place in the drawing-room, but it is quite clear from the rubrics of the Baptismal Office in the Book of Common Prayer that private baptism should be resorted to only in the case of necessity—for example, when the child's life is in danger. The newspapers stated that the service was the same as that used for baptism in private houses. It would be interesting to know whether the Archbishop formally "received this child into the congregation of Christ's flock." Or is it contemplated that the infant Prince shall be hereafter taken to church and the prescribed service gone through? The matter will doubtless appear a small one to the man of the world, but the clergy feel very strongly that in these days, when discipline in the Church of England is all too lax, the rulers of the Church should set an example of rigid obedience to the plain directions of the Prayer Book.

It appears from the annual report of the North Wales Baptist College at Bangor (says the *Rhyl Journal*) that the financial affairs of this small institution are not very flourishing, "owing to commercial depression and the Liberator failure having affected many subscribers." There is a balance due to the treasurer of £155 15s 2½d. A suggestion that a further appeal for congregational funds should be made, was met by the Rev. Owen Davies, Carnarvon, with the honest but significant declaration that "it was not a time at present to lay additional collections on the Welsh churches." Comment is almost needless. These, let it be remembered, are the very people who propose to confiscate Church property for the erection of wash-houses, museums, etc., and to devote