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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.

"READY TO DIE."—Preaching in the Temple Church, that old-world fabric in whose calm seclusion the vulgar interests of a "catch-penny utilitarianism" vanish before the ennobling memories of the consecrated courage to which its ancient walls and effigies so eloquently testify, the Master, Dr. Vaughan, spoke on a recent Sunday to perhaps the most critical audience in the world, on the words, "Ready to die." After referring to the apparent mystery of our Saviour's declaration, "It is finished," when little Palestine was the only spot on earth which had been visited, when the spiritual life meant intenseness, not diffusion, depth, not breadth, he reminded his hearers that the twelfth hour of a man's day strikes quite irrespectively of his state, and that the old proverb was true, "When you are fit to die, you are fit to live—and not before." No man is ready to die who is not in love and charity with his neighbors, for he will be attended on his last journey by the charges of malice and envy, trudging beside him to the Great White Throne. We are not ready if we have no home to go to, if we talk of "a leap in the dark," and know not to what nor to whom we are speeding. He had heard of recklessness in death, of apathy and of resignation—but never of readiness to die. Unless it would be added, "and to be with Christ," unless we can say, "I know in whom I have believed," not in mere reliance on Christ's Atonement, but in having done the thing which He said, there is to us a barred wicket and a closed door.

TOWN OR PARISH CLUBS.—We will send 25 copies of the CHURCH GUARDIAN for one year to any Incumbent or other Parish Officer for \$16, remitted with order.

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.—One of the most striking of the Good Friday sermons, writes the London correspondent of *The Church*, was that of the Rev. Saul Wyatt, who preached at the Royal Chapel, Savoy, on the claims and work of Christ. He observed that the most earnest watchers of the times agreed that not negation, but indifference, not hostility, but lack of interest, not bigotry, but the absence of conviction, was the mark set upon this age. There was desire, eagerness, devoted work, a feverish cry for knowledge and light, but the area of strong conviction had narrowed and narrowed, and the world had almost grown to flatter itself upon its liberality because intense belief had left the majority of its children. The Christ life was dominated, from its inception to its close, with unchanging conviction. An independent thinker in the field of politics has yet to win the esteem of the mass of his fellows; a writer, an artist and a scientist knows and feels the forces against him too strong; in a theologian and a moralist, his insight may pierce too deep, his charity seem too wide to the systems around him. But if the spirit of truth be in these men, present failure is but the promise of after renown. Whatever is rightly and truly conceived, whatever is nobly and honestly done, will one day be judged with righteous judgment.

To any one sending us the names of Seven new subscribers, with remittance of \$7, we will send free Little's "Reasons for being a Churchman," one of the most highly commended books. (See advt.)

CHURCH UNITY.—The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the recent session of the Council of Louisiana:—

Resolved, By the Council of the Diocese of Louisiana, convened in St. Paul's Church, in the city of New Orleans, that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America be and herein is most respectfully, humbly and earnestly petitioned to instruct its Commission on Ecclesiastical Relations to abandon the passive policy heretofore followed in respect to those bodies of Christians generally recognized as evangelical, and to send overtures in writing to the governing bodies of said several denominations inviting them to conference on the matter of Church unity, and further, that the Bishops of said Commission be authorized and empowered to visit officially, where practicable, the sessions of such governing bodies for the like purpose.

Every Churchman should subscribe himself, and should help to extend the influence of the Church paper, by securing other subscribers.

THE IRISH OUTLOOK.—The following is an extract from a letter from a clergyman of high standing, who writes from a Rectory in the south of Ireland:—

I feel very much as if I were on board a ship which I knew must go down in a few hours. Destruction is staring us in the face. Have the English people lost their senses? Have they been sent a strong delusion to believe a lie? Will they allow their empire to be torn to pieces to gratify the vanity and ambition of an old man who has never been constant to any principle or held firm to any policy? One would imagine that his Irish measures had been so successful hitherto that he might be trusted to devise fresh ones. What does not Spencer mean? He knows Ireland, and must know what it will become under a 'National' Government; and yet he is willing to grant it a separate Parliament—to allow it to become a nation. A nation, God bless the mark! What a nation it will be! Who will stay in it that can go away? Who will come to it that can find any other hole in the world to creep into? Ones get insane when one thinks of it; and then as one tries to look into the future, remembering the past, the terrible words of Malachi keep ringing in one's ears, "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation."

Every Churchwoman may aid in extending the influence of the Church by securing subscribers. Several Churchwomen have so aided, and have sent in many new names.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON THE AMALGAMATION OF CHRISTIAN BODIES.—In the

annual sermon in behalf of the Church Missionary Society, the Archbishop said:—

Amalgamation with other Christian bodies is sure to be projected, sooner or later. And there is nothing on which Christian hope would more fondly fasten for the Church future. But dares anyone to think of a near future in this connection? *There is common ground indeed.* But has anyone been able to point out a common ground large enough for any one body to be willing to accept as a whole sufficient ground for themselves to build their Churches on? Even if anywhere it is agreed to take to such common ground as can be found, and make it the basis of religious teaching for children, it is with the reservation that each body has its own teachings to add to them. But if Churches were to be amalgamated such reservations would not be possible. Others may look with indifference at the *body of spiritual doctrine which we inherit* from the very earliest days, and which breathes to us the true inner spirit of the Scripture; they may look with indifference on the *historic continuity* which binds us in *one undying communion*; they may not see the value of those things, but we do. And we should be making a grievous mistake, which would have to be recovered from with much distress, if we led any religious thinkers to believe that *anywhere, under any circumstances, we could surrender or impair any portion of that inheritance, simply on the ground that there are still more central, or more saving truths.* We know very well that we should be sacrificing the reality of unity to a deceptive form of it.

Children of Sunday-schools may help in securing new subscribers.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE.—The University of Cambridge, England, is giving a noble impulse to the mission of the Church, and is setting an example which other colleges may wisely follow. Last year a band of Athletes went out to Mid-China, one of whom is said to have since devoted his fortune of £100,000 to the work among the heathen. More recently fifty-three Cambridge men have offered themselves to the Church Missionary Society; and now we learn that the Honorary Secretary of the Society has received a letter, signed by thirty graduates and under-graduates of the University, desiring mission work, and saying that "the only fitness for foreign work we venture to claim is that we are willing, by the grace of God, to go where most wanted." This, indeed, is a noble spirit, and such an example will not be without its influence. Surely God is answering prayer, and is raising up laborers for the harvest-field. Are there none among us here to emulate such zeal, to follow such an example?

Is it fair for Churchmen to give up the Church paper, when it costs less than two cents a week?

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.—In the course of making excavations lately in connection with the new street leading past Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and the open space which is being laid out in the neighborhood, the workmen came upon a most interesting find, namely, the remains of the original Danish structure