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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.

BISHOP HUNTINGTON, of Central New York, with his wife and daughter, have gone to England for about six weeks.

THE Bishop of Mashonaland (Rt. Rev. Dr. Knight-Bruce) has been invalided home, and has started for England.

AT St. George's church, New York, more than 1,200 persons received the Holy Communion at the early celebration on Easter Day.

THE Rev. Mr. Melville, Baptist minister at Worcester, England, has severed his connection with that denomination, and intends to take orders in the Church.

A deficit of £13,000 in the income of the C.M.S. for the year is announced. This is attributed to increased expenditures rather than to diminishing contributions.

A Prayer Book Service was first said in the territory now covered by the United States by Rev. Francis Fletcher, Chaplain to Francis Drake, in California, in 1579.

THERE were ordained in England, during last year, 703 deacons and 714 priests, making a total of 1,417. In the United States the ordinations were: Deacons, 183; priests, 144; total, 327.

DR. VAUGHAN has held the Mastership of the Temple—an office once adorned by the judicious Hooker—for the last twenty-five years. It seems almost certain now that he will shortly resign the post.

IT is simply an historical fact that for ten years in Elizabeth's reign the Latin Roman Church, as such, was not in existence in Britain, and no separate communion was set up until the arrival of the Pope's Bull ordering this to be done.

THE hold which the Church has acquired over the highest social elements in the great centres in the United States is manifested in nothing more clearly than in the absence of fashionable marriages in Lent, and their prevalence just after Easter.

THE Church of England was the first that came to America. It made the first prayer, baptized the first convert, married the first couple, buried the first dead, and administered the first Holy Communion. This was in Virginia, thirteen years before the *Mayflower* came to New England.

ON Easter evening the Bishop of Western Texas confirmed 22 persons at St. Mark's, San Antonio, and received two who had been previously confirmed in the Roman Catholic

Church. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion. There was also presented and consecrated a set of solid silver alms basins given by three ladies as memorials. The offertory amounted to \$530. The choir of this church is a mixed choir of thirty voices and is vested.

THE Rev. Percival Smith, who is leaving Holy Trinity Church for Portman Chapel, London, told his congregation that his successor, the Rev. Percy Walter, would preach in the surplice for the same reason that he had worn the gown, namely, at the request of Canon Bell.

THE Rev. Canon Bell, Rector of Cheltenham, has for some time past abandoned the black gown at both his churches, and he has recently surpliced his choir at St. Matthew's, where he mainly officiates. Last Sunday, when preaching his monthly sermon at St. Mary's Parish Church, he announced that the choir there would be surpliced on Trinity Sunday.

THE Bishop of Manchester, speaking at Rochdale, England, lately, said it was impossible to make men think alike, and it was impossible to make their tastes identical. They had a right to have different opinions upon doctrine within certain limits in the Church of England, and they had a right to practise within certain limits also various forms of ritual.

A PRACTICAL ANSWER.—A Syrian convert to Christianity was urged by his employer to work on Sunday, and he declined. "But," said the master, "does not your Bible say that if a man has an ox, or an ass, that falls into a pit on the Sabbath day, he may pull him out?" "Yes," answered the convert, "but if the ass has a habit of falling into the same pit every Sabbath day, then the man should either fill up the pit or sell the ass."

THE *Scottish Church Society* continues to leaven the Presbyterian Kirk. In consequence of its work a book has lately been published entitled: *The Divine Service: A Eucharistic Office according to Forms of the Primitive Church*. This office, which is founded upon the Clementine and Jacobite Liturgies, contains the following features: Introit, Prophetic Llection, Epistle, Gospel, Nicene Creed, *Pax, Gloria in Excelsis, Sursum Corda, Ter Sanctus, Agnus Dei*, Post Communion, *Pax* and Blessing. May God give His blessing to this movement.

IT is worth noting as a sign of the times that at the Warrington Debating Society, a Mr. Phinston, a Liberal, and one who up to the present has taken a prominent part among the local Wesleyans, spoke strongly against Disestablishment and Disendowment. Another Wesleyan and a Town Councillor, Mr. A. Bennett, said that "the cry for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England was raised out of jealousy and hatred by people

who desired that which did not belong to them, and he, as a Dissenter, emphatically opposed such a proceeding. He did not think the Church of England was perfect, far from it, but he thought they ought to endeavour to remedy the abuses which existed instead of robbing the Church of that which belonged to it, which was a very unchristianlike and illogical way of proceeding." We have always maintained that those who are Nonconformists by conviction and not by politics are opposed to attacks on the Church, and this incident goes to prove it.

IN the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, during the year ending Easter 1893, the number of Communicants was estimated at 549,000. The number of churches opened for private and daily prayer was 300. The number of male choristers who were paid reached 1,045, and 6,427 voluntary, and of females 70 were paid, while 2,288 gave their services. There were 1,472 bell-ringers, 44 licensed and 83 unlicensed lay readers, one paid deaconess, 15 voluntary "Sisters," 48 paid and 4 voluntary nurses, and 35 paid and one voluntary mission woman. There are cottage hospitals at Cirencester, Bourton-on-the-Water, Tewkesbury, Berkeley, Hambrook, Moreton-in-the-Marsh; there is also a Children's Hospital at Kingsholm, Gloucester.

THE description of the new tutor to the young Duke of Albany, as a lineal descendant of John Wesley, is not quite accurate, inasmuch as the famous evangelist left no issue. The present generation of Wesleys, amongst whom some are still Anglican clerics, and some are or were Methodist musicians, are descendants of Charles Wesley, the hymn-writer, through his son Samuel, the organist, whose tomb stands in old Marlbone churchyard. The younger Charles Wesley, who also died childless, was a great favourite with George III. and the music library at Buckingham Palace contains a good many M.S. organ themes from the pen of his brother and himself. Curiously enough, there are more Wesleys to-day in the Anglican than in the Wesleyan ministry.

EVERY student of the Bible will hear with interest that it is proposed to make a new railway in Palestine, running from a point near Mount Carmel, on the coast, through Jezreel, to Damascus, with a branch line by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. It will be known as the Acre-Haifa-Damascus Railway. For this purpose the Syria Ottoman Railway Company, Limited, has been formed. The directors anticipate that a section of 55 miles from Akka and Haifa to the River Jordan will be opened before the end of September next, and the whole line to Damascus by the early part of 1896. Several miles of permanent way on the first section have been laid, and the work is proceeding in the direction of the River Jordan. The main line of railway is about 150 miles in length. At one end is a fine deep water port, and at the other the city of Damascus, with a population of about 250,000. The immediate object of the