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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.

On the evening of the 22nd Jan., Bishop Brooks confirmed a number of deaf mutes at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Boston.

DR. Heykamp, the Old Catholic Archbishop of Utrecht, died last month from the effects of an attack of influenza in his sixty-eighth year.

ST. ANN'S, Brooklyn, Long Island, is one of the largest free parishes in the American Church. Yet its finances are in a very satisfactory condition.

Miss Talbot, of Margam Abbey, has given £550 and a handsome communion-table to the parish church of Rhossili, West Gower, Swansea, which has recently been restored.

THE Manchester Diocesan Directory for 1892 gives the total number of clergy in the diocese as 910; lay readers, 73; confirmees, 16,117, an increase of 2553 over those of the previous year.

THE Church Students' Missionary Association held its 5th annual convention in Middletown, Conn., Jan. 7th and 8th. Sixteen different Church institutions for the United States and Canada were there represented.

On Sunday the 17th Jan. ult., in Trinity Church, Boston, Bishop Brooks deposed from the ministry James Field Spalding, D.D., late rector of Christ Church, Cambridge. This was done at Dr. Spalding's own request and for reasons not affecting moral character.

"A CHURCHMAN," noticing that General Booth would cross from Cherbourg in a special steamer, and be met by nine other steamers, asks—"Does this idiotic waste of money come out of the hundred thousand pounds collected for 'Darkest England,' or out of the private incomes of Mr. Booth and of those who are so eager to meet him at sea?"

A few days ago a gentleman stepped into the office of the general building fund Commission of the Church, (Bible House, New York,) and after a short conversation regarding the methods and success of the work of the Commission, he laid down as a donation thereto United States four per cent bonds to the amount of \$5,000. Some years ago he gave \$150 and further investigation caused this generous gift. He declined to have his name mentioned and refused to have it even entered as one of the named funds which have been established as members, simply desiring it credited to "H."

THE Episcopal Church of Scotland has published its first year book from which it appears that the Church has seven bishops, 280 working clergy, 305 churches and mission rooms, 123 parsonages, and 35,684 communicants. There are seventy-seven day schools, 13,575 day scholars and 15,123 Sunday scholars. Last year there were baptized 7,130, and confirmed 4,237.

SIR R. Webster, attorney general of England, in a speech at West Cowes last month referring to the disestablishment of the Welsh Church, remarked that every body who knew anything upon the subject, knew that it was only an attack upon the English Church under disguise, for the one could not be disestablished without affecting the other. The disestablishment of the English Church meant spoliation, and the diversion to secular uses of millions of property, which pious people had given to the service of God in past centuries.

"CATHOLIC."—The *Church Times*, England, says: "It is known that if any English testators were to bequeath land or money to the *Catholic Church*, the English law, as it now stands, would not give it to the Pope and his missionaries. Here, as in Switzerland, they could only secure it by qualifying themselves as 'Roman.' Yet good Church of England's people in Canada and elsewhere voluntarily or thoughtlessly apply the term to the Church of Rome and allow it to monopolize the word *Catholic*!"

ESTELLE Pageot Mierchenn, of Philadelphia, bequeathed \$5,000 each to the Endowment Fund of St. Peter's Church, the Episcopal Hospital, Christ Church Hospital and Church Home for children, \$4,000 to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the P. E. Church, and \$1,000, to Bishop Davies, and after other special legacies the remainder of her estate, valued at \$42,000, was devised to the rector, church wardens and vestry of St. Peter's Church to be equally divided amongst the institutions connected with and under the care of the said Church "to which I am very much attached."

THE choir of St. George's, New York, (Rev. Dr. Rainsford) numbers 60 men and 24 women. Dr. Rainsford is endeavoring to raise an endowment of \$400,000 for his parish and one of the members of the vestry has generously agreed to give a sum equal to that contributed by the rest of the parish within the next five years towards this amount. A detail of the work carried on in the parish is given in the *New York Churchman* of 30th Jan., filling two columns. All sorts of societies and means are used.

Two ex-ministers of the Calvinistic Methodist Connexion have just been ordained. The Rev. J. Thomas has been ordained by the Bishop of Mandaff and appointed curate of Bettws, Bridgend; and the Rev. John H. Parry (son of Dr. G. Parry) has been ordained priest by the Bishop of St. Asaph.

UNDER 120 of the wills reported in England during 1891, the bequests for religious, educational, and charitable purposes have amounted to about £1,200,000. In each of the three preceding years the amount thus bequeathed was about £1,000,000. A sum of more than £300,000 has been left for charitable purposes this year under the wills of twenty ladies, the aggregate amount of whose personal estate was £992,357. In the wills of twenty other testators there were charitable bequests for more than £780,000, the total amount of personalty disposed of under these twenty wills being £4,651,225. Forty estates thus contributed over £1,100,000 towards the total of £1,200,000 bequeathed for charitable purposes. The balance was made up of bequests of eighty other testators, each of whom left on an average about £1,375 to charities.

AMONGST the errors and superstitions of the Church of Rome it is very cheering to find from time to time gleams of purer light. Such is the "Ligue de l'Évangile," lately announced in the French Roman Catholic journal, *La Croix*. It has probably been originated by the enlightened and zealous Abbe Garnier. The design is to associate together Roman Catholics who aspire to a higher and more spiritual life. The appeal on the subject points out that a number of external observances, such as rosaries, chaplets, the month of Mary, processions, indulgences, etc., have come to be substituted for real inward piety, and that in the Gospel there is no mention of them, and many of them are forbidden. Those, therefore, who desire to regulate their lives according to the Gospel are invited to pledge themselves in writing to adopt a purer and more self-denying life, to abstain from theatres, dancing, novel-reading, to secure a Christian education for their children, to observe the Lord's Day, to read the Gospel daily in their families, to cultivate real communion with God in prayer; and to devote to the advancement of Christ's kingdom whatever proportion of their means is not necessary for the support of themselves and their families. What will the Vatican and the Pope say to his movement?—*The News, England*.

BISHOP Barlow, of North Queensland, Australia, in preaching on a Sunday, in January last at Westminster Abbey, referred to the loyalty of