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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.

At the annual meeting of the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, under the presidency of the Bishop of London, on Wednesday, March 4th, grants to the amount of £35,800 were made to 140 poor churches, as against less than £20,000 last year. Twelve months ago only 78 churches, out of 110 applicants, received grants.

The energetic founder of the Church Army, the Rev. W. Carlile, has lost no time in setting to work in his new sphere at Netteswell, Essex, England. He has been but a short time appointed to this living, but he is already having alterations made at a barn at Netteswell Cross for the purpose of holding Sunday evening services. He has taken this step in consequence of the parish church being nearly a mile and a half from the village.

The Lord Bishop of London opened on Wednesday, 25th March, another Labour Home to be worked under the auspices of the Church Army in Whitechapel, opposite to St. Mary's Church. It is situated between the Pavilion Music Hall, and one of the best noted Gin places, the mortuary being behind it. It will accommodate about 20 tramp criminals or inebriates and the Church Army Evangelist and his wife will act as "Father" and "Mother" of this remarkable family.

SOME waifs and strays who were sent to Canada by a Home in South London have given an example of continued gratitude which is somewhat striking, by sending more than two hundred pounds towards the support of their old Home and to help in paying the expenses of the next party of boys to be sent to Canada. This is the third time that they have shown that they affectionately remember the agency which rescued them from a life of want, with all its accompanying dangers.—*Church Bells.*

WHILE vehicles of all kinds were rolling past St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng., the last Saturday in March, bound for the boat race, members of the Diocesan Lay Readers' Association, numbering some 1,600 men of all ranks, from the peer to the laborer, were going into the church for a "quiet day." At the early celebration of the Holy Communion there was a large number of communicants, and there was far beyond the average attendance at Matins. Addresses were given frequently during the day by the Rev. J. Robertson vicar of St. Mary's, Kilburn.

The Dean of Norwich, Eng., speaking at a meeting on behalf of the Ladies' Home Mission Union of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, said that Canon Prothero, rector of Whippingham, had told him that "there is not a case of poverty or distress in the Queen's parish that she does not know of. She visits the poor, and, although one of the most hard worked human beings in this world, and taking conscientious interest in everything, her practical sympathy with suffering and sorrowing is manifested in her contributions to the neces-

sities of the case, and in her personal visitation at the homes of the poor."

THE Archbishop of York, Eng., has signified his intention of becoming one of the patrons of the *Church Army*. We are informed that "one of the worst public-houses in Bath" has just been turned into a Church Army labour home, and a number of tramps, ex-prisoners, and inebriates are in process of being reclaimed. Behind this new home, still called "The Bell," there is a Church Army Mission Hall erected on a spot where formerly was a row of houses of the "most questionable reputation." The Church Army is about to open a women's rescue labour home, which will probably be placed in Hammersmith.

EVIDENCES of Church activity are observable on every side. The latest development recorded is that special service clergy for the diocese of Chester, Eng., are initiating a new departure van, which is to perambulate the diocese. The van will be driven by a trustworthy agent, who will deliver addresses in market places and country villages, whilst selling pure and healthy literature. At various Church Congresses and Diocesan Conferences the need of such an agency for reaching scattered country populations has frequently been advocated, and much interest will be felt in Church circles in the working of the new venture. From this it would appear that the Church is determined to be in the van, literally as well as metaphorically.

WHEN the good Bishop Porteous was Lord Bishop of London (Eng.) at the end of the last century he tried very hard to awaken the sleeping Church to a better observance of Good Friday. It had been so much forgotten that there was a general outcry that the Bishop was a "Baptist" when he tried to obtain its remembrance. Evidently the modern tea party arrangements of Nonconformists for that day must be innovations upon the more serious way in which their forefathers regarded it. We are glad to notice that many Baptists and Wesleyans and Congregationalists are having simple services of sacred song this year on Good Friday. May it not prove a sign that they are catching more of that Church spirit from which older characters never departed.—*Church Review.*

WESLEY A CHURCHMAN.—Speaking at one of the meetings at City Road Chapel, London, in connexion with the Wesley Centenary, "Our most distinguished 'laymen,' as the *Methodist Times* calls Mr. H. H. Fowler, M.P., said:—"John Wesley's Methodism was the absence of bigotry, of sectarian rivalry, of ecclesiastical animosity. His Catholicity was limited to no church and no creed. High Churchman, as he no doubt originally was—and if Dr. Rigg will forgive me, I am not quite sure whether he ever quite got rid of his High Churchism, even up to the very last; but at all events, irregular Churchman as he was, declaring as he did, within two hours of his death that he had never varied in any point of doctrine from the Church in which he lived, and in which he died—he held out the right hand of fellowship—I was

going to say to all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; I may say reverently, he held out the right hand of fellowship to all who feared God and worked righteousness."—*Church Bells.*

THE ceremony of admitting sixteen candidates to the order of Diocesan Readers took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng., on Saturday, 21st March, before a large congregation. The Bishop of London, assisted by the Bishop of Marlborough performed the ceremony, which took place at the close of the afternoon service, and the form of admission had been carefully prepared by the Bishop, who subsequently delivered a short address. The service set forth that devout laymen had been employed in the Church with great service and good results. As part of the ceremonial the Bishop handed to each one admitted a copy of the New Testament, saying to each one, "Take thou authority to read the Word of God, and to minister in the office as shall be appointed unto thee by the Bishop, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

THE Rev. Dr. Moulton, President of the Wesleyan Conference in England, in the course of a sermon preached in the same chapel, is reported to have said:—"All his work he looked on as compatible with faithfulness to his Church. Nothing that he raised up was designed by him to stand in its place or undermine its influence; he wished to extend, to supplement, to increase the true strength of the Church by his disregard of human limitations which were dangerous and hurtful. All that he regarded as essential in the Church of England he regarded with reverent love. The Church prayers he found "full of life;" usages which, although not claiming vital importance, his Church had inherited from primitive times, were altogether to his taste, though as his time and thoughts became absorbed in practical labor we hear little about most of these from him. Church seasons were times of special enjoyment to this loyal son. All Saints' Day lifted his rapt soul into the joys of the Communion of Saints. To such a man, thus bound by ancestral ties, attached to the Church in all the tastes and habits of his life, one with the Church in the strongest convictions of his mature thought, the very idea of desertion was intolerable; and with all his power, with words of the greatest vehemence, with reiterated appeal, he cried out against secession. He was in his own belief, to the very last a true member of the Church of England.

CANON KNOX LITTLE.—One of the sights of London, Eng., (writes a correspondent) is certainly Canon Knox Little at St. Paul's. Go there at the luncheon hour, and you will find a great crowd of all sorts and conditions of men gathered beneath the dome. Here sits a fashionable woman from the West end; and at her side a pale-faced, weary-looking sempstress: a little higher up a party of Americans. There are clergy of every grade and of all schools of thought in the Church. A group of city clerks are gathered together hushed into silence by the solemnity of the place. In the far distance