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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.

THE venerable Bishop Kip, of California, is recovering from a serious illness.

THE Dean of Llandaff, Dr. Vaughan, has given £1,000 towards a new Church in a suburb of Cardiff.

THE Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Hicks, Bishop-elect of Bloemfontein, was fixed to take place in the Cathedral at Capetown on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st.

IN the St. Asaph Diocese in 261 Church schools visited by the diocesan inspector, only 28 children out of 26,583 were found to be withdrawn from religious instruction.

THE Dean of Melbourne, Australia, is in his 94th year and yet was able to preach twice on a Sunday in July last. He is said to be the oldest living graduate of Dublin University.

AFTER hearing two missionary sermons in Melbourne, Australia, recently, a man in very moderate circumstances sent \$2,500 to be divided between missions in India and New Guinea.

FOUR Presbyterian ministers have been received in the diocese of New York as candidates for holy orders during the past twelve months. In addition to them, one Congregationalist, one Baptist, and one Methodist minister.

THERE are 140 applicants for admission to the General Theological Seminary, New York this year. This is the largest number of students ever recorded in the history of the Institution; last year there was less than half this number.

THERE are 200 Clergy in the diocese of Connecticut according to the last Convention Roll exclusive of the Bishop. Half of the number have had a continuous ministry in the diocese of not more than eight years.

IT appears from Statistics that the growth of the Church in Connecticut, one of the old Puritan States, is now much greater than that of Congregational bodies. The tide would seem to have turned.

The following advertisement is from the *Willshire Times*:—"NOTICE.—BAPTIZING by the Rev. A. E. Johnson, Stormore water, NEXT SUNDAY, at 10.30 a.m. Photographers invited." "Good taste," says the *Christian World*, "should have hept out this advertisement," and the same paper affords the information that "Mr. Johnson is minister of the Baptist Providence Chapel, Penknapp, near Westbury—a chapel with no baptistry."

THE new Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Right Hon. Samuel Walker) and the Solicitor-General (Mr. Charles Hare Hemphill) are members of the Church of Ireland. The Attorney-General (The Macdermot) is a Roman Catholic.

BISHOP WILKINSON, during his visit to Wiesbaden, dedicated at Schwalbach an east window, erected by Mrs. C. Benson to the memory of the late Mr. Christopher Benson, the Archbishop of Canterbury's brother, who did much for the Anglican Church at Wiesbaden and Schwalbach.

CANON CHALMERS of Melbourne has been elected Bishop of Goulburn, Australia. The Bishop-elect is an Augustinian, who was ordained priest in 1859, by the Bishop of Labuan. He has never served as a Priest in England, and has worked in Australia since 1861.

ON Wednesday, Sept. 14th, Bishop Whitehead consecrated the new St. Luke's Church at Smithport, Pa., assisted by many of the Clergy of the northern convocation. The Church is of stone after plans of the architect, Mr. W. Hasley Wood, of New York. Its estimated cost is \$30,000. The building is the gift of a vestryman, Mr. Henry Hamlin.

A SMALL volume, being one of their admirable "Present Day Tracts," has just been published by the Religious Tract Society, collating the *Testimonies of Great Men* (outside the class of professed theologians) to the Bible and Christianity, which shows that if the Christian belief is a *pernicious superstition*, it is at least a *superstition* which has been entertained by some of the most splendid and robust intellects the world has known.

ONE of the greatest curiosities acquired in the Library of the British Museum during the year has been the Sarum Manual, printed by Pynson, 1506, on vellum, "Ordinarium Sacri Ordinis Heremitarum," Mexico, 1556, a book of the greatest rarity, not more than two other copies being known. Its paramount interest, however, is not derived from its rarity, but from its containing what is, in all probability, the first music ever printed in the New World.

THE Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost has accepted the call to the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, London, as successor to the late Donald M. Fraser, D.D. With Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, an American Presbyterian, in the Spurgeon Baptist Tabernacle; Dr. Pentecost, an American Congregationalist, in the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Meyer, a Baptist, succeeding to Newman Hall, London is becoming mixed in its theological, ecclesiastical and national bearings.

THE Bishop of New Caledonia preached at Aylesbury recently for the S.P.G., and his appeal so affected a lady that she placed a valuable gold ring in the offertory bag. The Bishop gave instances of the devotion and self-denial of native Christians at Vancouver. A heathen convert had walked 32 miles over jagged rocks, brushwood, and fern, lacerating his feet, in order to be confirmed. At a confirmation they subscribed 152 dollars, bringing the skins of animals and various articles and depositing them in the Church. In one month they actually gave between £60 and £70 for the maintainance of religion among themselves.

THE report of Church growth in Alabama is encouraging. In the northern part of the diocese, where a year ago there was but one person in the field, there are now 5 ordained and unordained workers. The "Diocesan Organ" has been enlarged and is now an 8 pages issue monthly. In Middle Alabama additional force has been given by the arrival of the Rev. N. T. Van Syckel and a rector will also soon be required at Eufaula. Five young men have recently offered themselves as candidates for Holy Orders.

CHURCHMEN in Canada have reason to be thankful for the selection of so good a churchman and so earnest a worker as the Rev. A. Hunter Dunn, Vicar of All Saints', South Acton, to succeed Bishop Williams in the Bishopric of Quebec. Mr. Dunn who was a wrangler at Cambridge, was appointed to All Saints' twenty years ago. In 1887, he was offered the vicarage of Great Yarmouth, which, though a valuable living, he declined being unwilling at that time to abandon the work he had undertaken. Of that work it is impossible to speak too highly. Where there used to be a school church and one priest, there are now two churches and five mission churches, together with a large staff of clergy and lay readers, a band of 200 voluntary helpers, and as many as 1,700 Easter Communicants.—*Church Times*.

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells expresses his hope that the recent judgment of the Privy Council will have the effect of calming the minds of Churchmen of different schools of thought, and so lead to greater concentration of thought and effort on the part of clergymen upon the fundamental truth of the Gospel, "repentance towards God and faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ." He thinks that those whose sympathies are on the side of pronounced ritual will now be less heated in their advocacy of such practices, seeing that they are admitted to be not illegal; whilst those opposed to such novelties may take comfort in the thought that they are not compelled to adopt them, and it is to be hoped that