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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.

REV. WILLIAM F. NICHOLS, of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, has accepted the office of Assistant Bishop of California.

BISHOP WALKER has hit upon a striking name for his cathedral car which is in process of construction. He calls it the "Roaming Catholic Cathedral."

SIR W. PHILLIMORE pleading on behalf of the Bishop of Lincoln produced a print of the period showing the coronation of William of Orange with two large candles on the altar of Westminster Abbey.

Two Yorkshire, Eng., Nonconformist ministers are reported to have recently joined the Established Church—viz., the Rev. David Scott, late Unitarian minister at Dewsbury, and the Rev. W. T. Gifford, for nearly five years minister of the Congregational Church, Ravens thorpe.

ON Thursday, March 20, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Potter, Bishop of New York, held a confirmation in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Rev. Thos. P. Hughes, rector. The candidates, thirty, in number, were each presented to the Bishop seated in his chair in front of the altar. The young women were modestly attired with caps, according to the general usage of the Anglican Church.

ANOTHER Welsh minister, from the Calvinistic Methodist Connection, is about to be ordained by the Bishop of Llandaff. This makes about a dozen such secessions within a year. No wonder Welsh Liberationists are anxious to expedite the disestablishment of the Church. At its present rate of progress Welsh Dissent will be a hopeless minority in a few years' time.

THE name of the nominee to the Bishopric of Eastern Equatorial Africa is now made known—Alfred Robert Tucker, curate of St. Nicholas, Durham, Eng. Another addition to the Indian episcopate will shortly follow the consecration of Bishop Whitley to the missionary jurisdiction of Chota Nagpur (at Ranchi, his head station among the Kols), on the 23rd March, by the erection of a Diocese of Lucknow. This will rank with those of Lahore and Rangoon as letters-patent Bishoprics, partly paid by the State as being annexed to chief army chaplaincies, but partly endowed also by free gifts of the Church.

ABOUT eighty candidates, including among the number seven Chinamen and seven Syrians, were presented by the Rev. David H. Greer, rector, for confirmation at St. Bartholomew's, Church, N.Y., on Sunday, March 2nd. Bishop Potter, before performing the ceremony, addressed a few words of encouragement and congratulation to the members of the church. He said that none of the duties of his spiritual office gave him so much pleasure as this receiving of those born again in Christ into the Church; but this was a peculiarly interesting occasion, not because of the number pre-

senting themselves for confirmation, but from the diverse nationalities and kinds of people that the class contained. It was a gratifying proof that the labors of their foreign missionaries were not all in vain, when such a gathering, composed of young men and women from the far West and the far East, could be seen at the chancel rail of an American church praying for an entrance in the Christian life, and with God's help the life everlasting.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury writes a correspondent, is devoting every spare moment to the consideration of his judgment in the case of Read and others v. the Bishop of Lincoln. Those who know the bent of his Grace's mind say that both parties to the litigation are certain to be successful. While Dr. King will be acquitted on some of the charges, he is certain to be condemned on others, and admonished not to repeat the offence, an admonition which will be loyally respected as coming from the head of the Church in his province. It is the intention of the Archbishop to deliver his judgment as soon after Easter week as possible.

THE increased observance of Lent is happily observable amongst the upper classes of society in London, Eng. The Queen's Drawing Rooms in Lent are never well attended, and the last was the smallest on record. Marriages, too, are the exception during the Penitential season. On February 20, 21, 24, and 25 not a single marriage was recorded in the *Times* on the 27th only one, and on the 22nd and 28th only four. We understand that the marriage of the Earl of Carnarvon's daughter, which took place quite quietly last week at the parish church of Brighton, would have been solemnized before Lent had it not been for illness, and could not be delayed owing to the departure of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon for the Continent.

BISHOP POTTER administered confirmation to twenty persons of both sexes and various ages in the "Floating Church of Our Saviour," at the foot of Pike street, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, 23rd March. The Church is one of several managed by the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, of which Bishop Potter is president, and several members of the Board of Managers attended the services. Among the candidates for confirmation was John De Beson, a French sailor, sixty-two years of age. Two or three of those confirmed were married women, and others were girls from fourteen to twenty two years of age. The congregation included about sixty sailors.

THE *Church Review*, London, Eng., says that the Postmaster-General gave a lecture recently on Church History, in the course of which he said that tithes were not national property. They were never given by the nation, and they never belonged to it, though he grieved to say that in too many cases they had been stolen by it. Though the State of England must stand convicted of the misappropriation of masses of Church property, it had never yet ventured to lay a sacrilegious hand upon that part of the ecclesiastical endowments which had been from

time immemorial devoted to the support of the parochial clergy. If an institution had ceased to perform the duties assigned to it, or if its continued existence became hurtful to the State, he would not dispute the right of the State to abolish it and after its abolition to take possession of its property. But the people of this country would have to satisfy themselves that the Church has ceased to minister to the spiritual welfare of her members, or that her services of prayer and praise, of example and charity, of instruction, and of the initiation of good works, were injurious to the people of this country, before they would be justified in proscribing her ministry and prohibiting her ministrations; and until she had thus been not merely disestablished, but suppressed and extinguished, to touch the heritage which she enjoyed by the oldest and best title of the realm, would be simply sheer and unadulterated robbery.

THE eighth issue of the "Official Year Book of the Church of England" has been sent out by the Christian Knowledge Society. As a weapon of Church defence, and as an encouragement to the faint hearted, this compilation has a distinct value. Among figures showing church growth, those on confirmation are conspicuous. In three years 1874-76, the number confirmed averaged 144,000 annually; in the past three years that average has grown to 220,000, or over fifty per cent. The increase is specially traceable to the foundation of the six new dioceses, and to the consequent multiplication of centres at which confirmations are held. Another important department of Home information is that on Education. There has been again an increase in the average attendance in Church schools, which stands at 1,664,076, as against 1,644,844 in the previous year. It is worth remembering that the Church of England, since the year 1811, has spent the enormous total of £32,709,077 on the building and maintenance of Church schools and training colleges. We are informed that the voluntary contributions for church building and endowment in 1888 were as follows:—Church building and restoration, £909,574; endowment of benefices, £93,725; parsonage houses, £75,896; burial grounds, £10,190; total £2,089,265. The present issue of the "Year-Book" comprises some new features, such as more particulars respecting Church growth in India and the colonies. It is observable that Australia looks too much to the Mother country for her ministers, while Canada draws her supply of clergy chiefly from her own sons.

THE *Churchman*, N. Y., says:—Good Friday will not pass without casting a shadow over the soul, but that shadow will be the wholesome heaviness that endureth for a night while joy cometh in the morning. We are called upon by the Church once a year to follow the details of the Passion. First, as an intellectual exercise, adding to and refreshing our knowledge. Secondly, as a contemplator of Christ's character, and as an appeal to our heart, our emotions and affections. Thirdly, as a practical and joyful realization of our repentance and an assurance of God's forgiveness of our sins, with a sense of our own justification through Christ.