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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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THE EPIPHANY.

FROM SONNETS OF THE SACRED YEAR.

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'Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them. . . . They presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.'—St. Matt. ii. 9, 11.

O TONGUE* of heaven! whose silence eloquent,
What time that night's evangel nearer fell,
Foretold the mystery of Emmanuel
To those far off, whose alien eyes intent
Kept faithful vigil toward the Orient:
Star-plot of the watchful and the wise,
Thus, speaking through my eastward-gazing eyes,

Win my soul on to the Divine Event.
That so, soon kneeling at the sacred Feet—
There only losing Thee, my harbinger,—
With gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh,

I, too, may make my offering complete:
World's wealth, heart's worship, and life's suffering
Meet for my Fellow-Man, my God, my King.

* *Lingua caeli* is the expression of St. Augustine, referring to the star.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

REV. Prebendary Stephens is the new Dean of Winchester.

FOUR new missions in the suburbs of Chicago have lately been started by the Church.

REV. J. H. J. Ellison, of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, has been appointed Vicar of Windsor.

THE Rev. Frank H. Johnson, Rector of Chelmsford, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Colchester.

THE Rev. S. C. Malan, D.D., a celebrated linguist and for 40 years Vicar of Broadwindon, Dorsetshire, is dead.

REV. Richard Gee, D.D., has been appointed by the Queen to the vacant Canonry in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

THE Bishop of Rochester, who has been indisposed and unable to fill his engagements, has now completely recovered his health.

AT the last S.P.C.K. monthly general meeting money grants were voted amounting to £8,565, including £5,000 for King's College Endowment Fund. Book grants amounting to £1,053 were also voted.

THE Archbishop of York is taking steps to obtain, through his clergy, information of a precise nature relative to the Church and its endowments, with a view hereafter of bringing

such information before the people, in order that a correct judgment may be arrived at on the subject of Disestablishment and Disendowment.

THE Bishop of Maryland, Rt. Rev. Dr. Paret, has given written decision as to vested choirs of women, to the effect that it were better to let this new fancy alone, and he has otherwise expressed his disapproval.

BISHOP Hamilton Baynes, of Natal-Maritzburg, was married on Wednesday, 28th Nov. last, at Pietermaritzburg, to the youngest daughter of the late Canon Crompton, of the Church in South Africa.

FIFTY-THREE dioceses in the U.S. show 79½ per cent. of free churches, and 13 of the missionary jurisdictions average 98½ per cent. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania 12 churches are open all day and every day.

THE death of the Very Rev. H. B. Macartney, D.D., Dean of Melbourne, Australia, is announced. Seventy years of his life was spent in active ministerial work. Up to his 95th birthday he had preached every Sunday for 70 years, and sometimes twice or three times a day.

THE Bishop of Honduras, on St. Andrew's Day, ordained in Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, London, Eng., the following deacons for work in British Honduras: John Grinter, John Farnham Laughton, Thomas Plant, and Robert Ernest Skene, of Trinity College, Dublin. The Bishop left for his diocese on Dec. 7.

THE late Right Hon. Skeffington, Lord Dunsandle, has left £3,000 to the Church of Ireland—£2,000 to be given to Tuam and Clonfert dioceses, and £1,000 to the Church generally—to the Incurable and Adelaide Hospitals, £250 each; to the C.M.S. and Missions to Seamen, £200 each; to the Church Education Society, £100; and other sums to other charitable and benevolent institutions.

THE Rev. E. A. Anderson, who has been Vicar of St. Paul's, West Maitland, New South Wales, since 1891, has accepted the Bishopric of Riverina, which was rendered vacant by the death of the Right Rev. Sydney Linton, D.D. Mr. Anderson took his degree at Queen's College, Cambridge, so lately as 1882, and he was ordained in the same year. He went out to Queensland almost immediately. In that colony he was first Vicar of Holy Trinity, Mackay, and afterwards Incumbent of Hughenden, being made an honorary canon of North Queensland in 1889.

SOME attention should be called to the fact that it is not with the Orthodox Eastern Church that the recent conference on reunion was held at Rome; the paragraphs which have been sent

to the daily papers are very misleading, and it appears to be nobody's business to send information which might correct them. The Holy Synod of the Patriarch of Constantinople has considered the Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII. upon the reunion of the Eastern and Roman Catholic Churches, and counselled the Patriarch to address a Pastoral to all the Eparchies, warning the faithful against the fallacies and profelytising efforts of the Propaganda. The framing of this document is committed to the learned Metropolitan of Methymna, Mgr. Nicephoros.

DUTCH WORSHIP.—Need I say here that the great uniformity of Christendom is not here violated by the omission of a collection? But that is only a third of the truth. There are three collections during the service. The money is taken in bags at the end of long bamboo rods. The service is not interrupted. Whatever is going on goes on. But gentlemen in evening dress go round reaching out the rods. The third time the gentlemen in evening dress are young. Each is followed by a sacristan in a black frock suit and a velvet skull cap, carrying a leather bag. Everybody seemed to give, without exception, young and old, each of the three times. But I was afterwards told that it was etiquette to insert your fingers in the neck of the bag, even if you gave nothing. A more difficult question was why there were three collections, taken in bags of different colours. The explanation is that one collection is for the Church, another for the poor, and a third for orphans.—*The Liverpool Daily Post, a letter from Sir E. R. Russell, Editor.*

THE "ITALIAN CARDINAL."—The Archbishop of York refers to his recent utterance in which he alluded to Cardinal Vaughan as "an Italian Cardinal calling himself Archbishop of Westminster," in a letter published lately in the *York Diocesan Magazine*. His Grace says that his allusion to Cardinal Vaughan's assumed title was not in disparagement of his office as Archbishop, which all freely admitted. But his claim to jurisdiction over any portion of the United Kingdom, conferred by the Bishop of Rome, was contrary, not only to the law of the Church, but equally to the statutes of the realm, which declare that no foreign prelate has jurisdiction within the Church or Kingdom. The Archbishop of York says that he feels assured that the Cardinal himself in his private capacity is an excellent person, and one who for many reasons is justly held in esteem, but he is not Archbishop of Westminster. The use of such a title is a foolish, though harmless pretension. Any more serious notice of this assumption would only give it undeserved importance. One could only grieve for the sake of our common Christianity that the Romanists in England should be adopting this offensive attitude towards the English Church. His Grace refers to the changed attitude of the Church of Rome, which is now one of continual aggression and self-assertion. The Cardinal and his friends are not wise, he thinks, in adopting this course.