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Face 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.

A MEETING has been called of the House of Bishops of the P. E. Church in the U.S., for the last week in October. Among other matters to engage the House will be the election of a successor to the late Bishop Robert W. B. Elliott, of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Western Texas, and to elect a missionary Bishop for Nevada and Utah.

WILL each present subscriber send us a new one, and renew subscription for himself?

In speaking of dividing the Diocese of New York, *The Church Record* says: "It certainly seems as if the great city of New York, with its enlarged borders and its early one million and a half population, was a sufficient charge for any one man. The cares and burdens of that vast population alone are too great for any single Bishop. More ought certainly not to be asked of him. It remains to be seen whether New York will repeat the mistake to which the Archbishop of Canterbury refers as common in England, and lose 2 or 3 good men before the improvement is gained. Bishop Potter is too valuable to the Church and Diocese to have his days in any way shortened by such needless extra load."

CHRIST CHURCH, Endell street, London, was twice struck by lightning in the great storm which swept over England the middle of August. Between half past seven and eight o'clock, while the evening service was proceeding, the spire was struck, and a piece of stone, weighing about a hundredweight, fell into the workhouse yard adjoining, and alighted on a timekeeper's box, in which a man was sitting. Smaller pieces of stone fell, some into the yard, striking a man on the head, and others into the street. The noise caused by the falling masonry greatly terrified the worshippers, and the clergyman was compelled to bring the service to a premature conclusion. Some little time afterwards the Church was again struck by lightning. A hole was made in the roof, through which the water poured into the building, and the woodwork was set alight, but was extinguished by the rain. When the spire was damaged the bell-ringer was at work; but, though covered with falling mortar, he escaped

unhurt. The spire is now in a dangerous condition there being a large gap in the structure.

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THE QUEEN has resolved to bestow the balance of the Women's Jubilee offering in making provision for the nursing of sick women and girls. About £70,000 will be available for this purpose. The nation is to be congratulated on this decision of Her Majesty.

At the Carlisle Diocesan Conference, Bishop Harvey Goodwin reported progress on the Church House. Nearly £50,000 have been collected, a sum sufficient to begin the work upon, and steps are to be taken to obtain a Royal charter. It is hoped that the foundation-stone will be laid during the meeting of the Pan-Anglican Synod next year. The Sister Churches in the Colonies are making unsolicited contributions to the funds.

THE ACTIVITY OF WELSH CHURCHMEN is most commendable. We see it stated that the past rate of extension in the Diocese of Llandaff has averaged a new Church every two months for four years, while the present rate is in excess of that. Again, the Inspector of Schools for the Diocese of St. Asaph states that out of 27,449 children on the books in that Diocese, only fifty children were completely withdrawn from religious instruction, and seventeen partially withdrawn. The fifty entirely withdrawn were children of Roman Catholic, and the seventeen of Nonconformist, parents. These latter were withdrawn from instruction in catechism and Liturgy.

WILL each parish favor us with local Church News promptly and fully?

THE LORD MAYOR of London, Eng., has presented to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's forty large Prayer Books, bound in morocco and gold, for the Bishop's, Dean's, Canon's, and prebendal stalls in the Cathedral, in commemoration of the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service held there on June 23 last. Each book is stamped with the arms of the Cathedral and a suitable inscription. Most of the books now in use in St. Paul's were given by Bishop Copleston, who was Dean of St. Paul's and Bishop of Llandaff.

MORE DISSIDENT FROM DISSIDENT.—The Rev. John Jolly, B.A., who for seventeen years has been the pastor of the General Baptist Church at Boston, has signified his intention of joining the Church of England. He was the representative Nonconformist minister selected to sit on the Boston Charity Trust, and was secretary to the local Society of Nonconformist Ministers. Mr. Jolly is a candidate for ordination by the Bishop of Ripon.

A courageous Sydney clergyman (Rev. H. G. Jackson) proposes to supersede Sunday schools by a "Parents' Union," the members of which will pledge themselves to bring up their children in the right way and instruct them in Christian doctrine. The Parents Union, is a

good plan if it succeed in pledging parents to superintend the religious instruction of their children. An obvious criticism of it is that the parents who thus pledge themselves are just the parents who may be supposed not to need such pledging.

WILL some kind friend form a Club in every Parish or Mission, for which special advantages are offered?

THE following fact is narrated in the parish paper of St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, New York, of which the Rev. Samuel W. Young, formerly of Covington, is Rector: "A sister of a former highly respected member of the Church, living on an income of \$500 a year, has determined to compress her expenses within \$400 during the coming year, and sent to the trustees of the building fund the balance of \$100—one fifth of her income—as a contribution towards the new Church.

DR. NELSON in *The Church Review* commenting upon Dr. Hatch's "Organization of the Early Christian Churches," expresses his surprise that "the Bampton Foundation, created for the defence of the Gospel in the Church, should have given to the world a book whose teachings, if accepted, must crush out the life of both."

THE Bishopric of Lahore, India, will shortly become vacant by the resignation of the Rt. Rev. T. Valpy French, who was consecrated in 1877 as the first Bishop of the Sec. It is stated that his successor will be the Ven. H. J. Matthew, Archdeacon of Lahore, who is highly spoken of as an admirable administrator.

WILL each Subscriber in arrears remit amount due?

THE Church of the Holy Trinity, in New York, having engaged an English clergyman, the Rev. E. Walpole Warren, as Rector, Mr. Kennedy, president of the St. Andrew's Society, calls upon the collector of customs to prosecute the Church officers for violating the law of congress which prohibits "importation and immigration of foreigners or aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor in the United States." Mr. Kennedy thinks that as the law is enforced stringently against all other workmen, it should be applied to those whose labor is performed in Church.

REMEMBER 16th and 17th October—Days of Intercession for Sunday Schools.

ONE thing that the sick, especially the sick poor, miss very much when confined to the bed or sick room, is sacred music. Some kind-hearted ladies and gentlemen in a suburb of London have formed themselves into a choir for the purpose of giving selections of sacred music to the sick, chiefly those who have little opportunity of hearing it in any other way. A quartette party hold themselves in readiness, and summoned, go quietly to the house, and after a simple prayer, sing hymns, sacred songs, and even short anthems in four parts, unaccompanied. Many a sick bed has been cheered, and