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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 Church of England has a membership of 15,000,000.

THERE are 92 Christian churches in the city of Tokio, Japan. The first one was erected only twenty-five years ago.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society circulated last year 4,000,000 copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part.

THE Bishop of Chichester is now in his 90th year. He is still at work and last month made a speech about opening of a gymnasium in Chichester.

OVER 8,000 tickets were disposed of for the Welsh Festival in St. Paul's Cathedral on the evening of St. David's day.

A NEW reredos has been placed in St. Clement's Church, Salford, as a monument. The central feature is the Crucifixion.

THE death of the Rev. Dr. Joshua Peterkin, of Richmond, Virginia, father of the Right Rev. Bishop Peterkin, of West Virginia, is announced.

ON the death of the widow of the late Bishop Philpott £10,000 will fall to the C.M.S., and £10,000 to Pastoral Aid Society of the Church of England.

BY THE will of the late Aramantine M. Coffin, the Board of Missions will receive \$500.00, the Church Home and City Mission each \$200.00, and the Indian Hope Association \$100.00.

IT is reported that the indebtedness upon the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, N.Y., which amounted to \$40,000, has been paid off. One-third of the debt was promised on condition that the other two-thirds should be raised. This having been done, a friend of the Bishop, who is according to the daily papers, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, sent his check for \$13,333.33.

THE S.P.C.K. is to have a grand rally of its friends and supporters at St. James' Hall, London, Eng., on the afternoon of the 20th May. It is twenty-five years since a meeting of similar kind was held, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside.

THE London "Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews" has 130 agents, of whom 78 are Christian Israelites. In the United Kingdom there are about 5,000 Christian Israelites.

THE Bishop of Liverpool says that a larger number of young persons have been confirmed in the diocese of Liverpool during the year 1891 than in any year since the diocese was formed. In 1881 the total number was 4,719. In 1891 the total number has been 8,078.

A MEASURE is on foot to place on the walls of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng., in a prominent position, a series of tablets recording the succession of Bishops of London, and which will show clearly the independence of the British Church long before the Roman Mission of St. Augustine.

OUT of a total population in Victoria of 1,140,405, the Anglicans number 417,183; Roman Catholics, 248,591; Presbyterians, 167,027; Methodists, 158,040; Baptists, 27,882; Independents, 22,110; unspecified, 22,877; no denomination and no religion, 16,425; Pagans, 6,745; Jews, 6,459; and Australian Church, 1,161.

DR. WELLAND, the Bishop-elect of the united diocese of Down, Connor, and Dromore and the successor of Dr. Reeves, who was elected by a large majority of the diocesan Synod on Friday, is a Belfast parochial clergyman of twenty-two years' standing. He is popular in the north of Ireland among all classes of the community, an excellent preacher and organizer, and has had much experience in every sort of Church work. He was ordained in 1854, and was some time a Dublin clergyman. Dr. Welland is about sixty-two years of age. He might, however, be easily mistaken for a younger man.

THE Rt. Rev. Gregory Thurston Bedell, third Bishop of Ohio, died at the Dakota apartment house, New York City, on March 11th. His death was due primarily to old age. He was seventy-four years old. For fifteen years he was Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New York, and his funeral took place from that Church on Monday afternoon, March 14th. The burial was at Gambier, Ohio, on Wednesday afternoon, March 16th. Many of the clergy were present at both services.

THE new Bishop of Lichfield has fixed twelve as the minimum age for the Confirmation of both boys and girls. He will not positively refuse to confirm younger children, but desires that before any such are presented he may be informed, in order that he may make inquiry as to their fitness for the rite. The Bishop of Liverpool names the age of thirteen as the minimum, and will not, apparently, consent to relax the rule. His own opinion, however, is that fifteen is usually the proper age.

ACCORDING to a paper furnished to the *Baptist Magazine* for the current month by the Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, of Norwich, the Baptist body in England is making slow progress in relation to the increasing population, and more particularly in those parts where the increase is greatest. The position in Lancashire and Yorkshire he considers deplorable—a membership of one in 174. But in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, the membership is only one in 1,000. Taking forty-seven towns where the population has increased 67 per cent., it is stated that the accommodation in Baptist chapels has only increased 10 per cent.

THE Bishop of North Carolina visited St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg county, Friday, Feb. 26th and confirmed a class of ten persons presented by the minister-in-charge. Of the ten persons six had formerly been Presbyterians and two Methodists. A notable feature of the class was its grouping in families. Of the men confirmed two were accompanied by their wives and one by his wife and two daughters. The Bishop preached a strong sermon on election, to the large congregation, about half of which were Presbyterians, and after the laying on of hands celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. C. N. F. Jeffrey.

THE report of the London Diocesan Board of Education for 1891 is in every respect satisfactory. There is a large increase in the number of children in the Church schools—134,704 as compared with 129,825 in 1890—and a marked advance in the efficiency, tone, and character of religious teaching. Only one school has been closed—a small one at Holloway—while several schools have been enlarged and new schools built. One which is at present being erected is capable of holding 1,500 children. The Free Education Act has not produced any marked change. In some instances the acceptance of the fee grant has brought an increase in attendance; but in other schools this has not been the case. Proofs, however, are abundantly forthcoming that many parents and children value Church schools because of the religious instruc-