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Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.—Eph. vi. 24.
Jearnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

LECTURES on "Church History" are being given in many parishes in England, and are largely attended.

RT. REV. W. B. W. HOWE has sent a letter to the Church authorities resigning the Bishopric of South Carolina.

BROOKLYN, L. I., which has a population of nearly 1,000,000, has 338 churches, exclusive of chapels and missions.

THE Church Army Social Scheme continues to receive the approval and help of the local government boards, in England.

BISHOP SELWYN has just been appointed one of Her Majesty's Honorary Chaplains. He is a moderate High Churchman.

THE Dean and Chapter of Gloucester have raised the £6000 required for the further restoration of the Cathedral.

REPORT has it that Mr. Austin Corbin, of New York has given \$500,000 towards the new cathedral in New York, and as much to Nashotah Seminary.

REV. W. F. FABER, for nine years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Westfield, N.Y., has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for the ministry of this Church.

H. R. H., The Duke of Connaught has become President of "The Church Lad's Brigade," whose headquarters are the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, Eng.

IT is stated that very encouraging news has been received from the Rev J. S. Hill, the Bishop-designate of the Niger, with reference to missionary work in West Africa.

THE Church Defence meetings now being held in various parts of England tax the utmost capacity of the largest halls, and resolutions opposing disestablishment are warmly adopted.

THE Vicar of Wakefield (Archdeacon Downe) has taken the Circus, the largest building in the city, for mass meetings of men on Sunday nights after the evening services in the churches are over.

CANON HAYGARTH, Vicar of Wimbledon, has given £4,000 towards the cost of providing the necessary voluntary school accommodation in Wimbledon, to obviate the necessity of the institution of a School Board.

THE New Guinea Mission is progressing. Letters, dated 11th August, from the Rev. Copland King, from Dogura, Birtle Bay, state that the mission party are all in good health, although they have had several attacks of fever.

AT a recent meeting in Brisbane the Bishop of Brisbane strongly advocated the admission of Bible reading in State schools, and said he hoped to see Queensland at an early date recover from the disease now afflicting her, which he termed Biblephobia.

THE Dean of Melbourne has just celebrated the *seventieth* anniversary of his ordination. Dr. Macartney's age is ninety-three. He went out to Australia with Dr. Perry, the first Bishop of Melbourne, in 1847, and was for many years his right hand man.

NASHOTAH UNIVERSITY in the Diocese of Milwaukee, has received a gift of \$25,000 towards the endowment fund, from an anonymous donor in New York. It is a large help towards the noble institution just entering on the 51st year of her venerable history.

AN exchange states that there are now five thousand young men and women of various Christian bodies pledged to go to heathen lands as missionaries; that the Brahmins know that a great change is impending; and that lately the Hindoos held all-day prayer meeting beseeching the Supreme Being to interfere in behalf of their imperiled faith.

THREE of the college presidents in the South were once slaves, and there are no less than 247 negro young men and women who have gone to Europe to study foreign languages and science. There are between 5,000 and 10,000 inventions in the patent office at Washington sent in by Afro-Americans. One recently sold one share in his cotton chopper patent for \$20,000.

THERE are 72 bishops, 3,865 clergymen, 313 deacons, 582 candidates for orders, 1,806 lay readers, 183,310 Baptisms since last Convention, 125,738 Confirmations, 42,426 added communicants over those lost by death; present number of communicants, 549,250; Church edifices, 10246, of which 4,581 are free churches; aggregate contributions, \$40,566,529.

THE Rev. John Wright, D.D., of St. Paul, Minn., proposes to publish an account of Bibles that once belonged to distinguished persons in this or other countries, under the title of "Historical Bibles owned in the United States, Canada and Mexico." Any one having such a Bible in his possession is requested to send to him particulars of size, binding, imprint, date, autograph, engravings inscriptions and any historical notes of value.

AN interesting stone was recently discovered in Jerusalem and sent to Paris, where it will appear in the Louvre. It has been proved to be one of the ancient "weights of the sanctuary;" or Normal weights intrusted to the priests to be stored in the Temple. On it is the inscription, "Three thousand shekels, King David's weight." "The king's weight" was the name given to the Normal weights, and three thousand shekels was the weight of the Hebrew talent.

THE opening of the Museum of Art of New York, on Sundays has not proved a profitable change. The crowds that were expected do not materialize and the management are confronted with a deficit of \$7,000 already, and the prospect of still more if they go. The people, too, who clamored for Sunday opening, and promised to bear the expense, have not come to the front, and so there is likelihood of a change. With additional expense has come diminished revenues. One legacy amounting to \$150,000, has been lost, and four hundred subscribing members have withdrawn their annual subscriptions.

DURING the last few months the Bishops in Virginia have confirmed five ministers of other bodies, who will be ordained before long. Rev. Mr. Evans, Methodist; Rev. Mr. McCormick, Methodist; Rev. Mr. Abbott, Baptist. Last week at Lynchburg at the meeting of the Council of Southern Virginia, Bishop Randolph confirmed: Rev. W. A. Barr, Presbyterian; Rev. E. S. Gunn, Methodist; on which the *Southern Churchman* says: "We welcome them all; but how much better if we and our Presbyterian and Methodist and Baptist brothers formed but one Church."

DR. HICKS, Bishop of Bloemfontein, is the fourth Bishop who has been consecrated at Capetown. On New Year's Day of 1861, the Feast of the Circumcision, the first consecration service took place in St. George's, when the then Metropolitan (Dr. Gray) and the Bishops of Natal and St. Helena laid their hands on the Right Rev. C. F. Mackenzie, the first Missionary Bishop of South Africa. Then came the consecration of the late Bishop of Maritzburg (Pr. William Kenneth Macrorie) on January 25th, 1869; on the 30th November 1880, that of Bishop Douglas Mackenzie was consecrated, and on 21st September last that of Bishop Hicks.

THE Chicago Common Prayer Book Society has been fully organized with the following officers: President, Rt. Rev. W. E. McLaren, S.T.D., Bishop of Chicago; vice-president, Mr. W. K. Ackerman; treasurer, Mr. Charles A. Street; secretary, Rev. Edwin R. Bishop, archdeacon