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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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## SING, SING FOR CHRISTMAS!

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Sing, sing, for Christmas!  
Welcome, happy day!  
For Christ is born our Saviour,  
To take our sins away.  
Sing, sing a joyful song,  
Loud and clear to-day;  
To praise our Lord and Saviour,  
Who in a manger lay.

CHORUS. Sing, sing for Christmas!  
Welcome happy day!  
For Christ is born our Saviour  
To take our sins away.

Tell, tell the story  
Of the wondrous night,  
When shepherds who were watching  
Their flock till morning light,  
Saw an angel host from heaven,  
Heard the angel voice,  
And so were told the tidings  
Which makes the world rejoice.

CHORUS.

Soft, softly shining,  
Stars were in the sky,  
And silver fell the moonlight  
On hill and mountain high,  
When suddenly the night  
Outshone the bright mid-day,  
With angel hosts who herald  
The reign of peace for aye.

CHORUS,

Hark! hear them singing,  
Singing in the sky,  
Be worship, honor, glory,  
And praise to God on high!  
Peace, peace, good will to men!  
Born the Child from heaven!  
The Christ, the Lord, the Saviour,  
The Son to you is given.

CHORUS.

Sing, sing for Christmas!  
Echo, Earth, the cry  
Of worship, honor, glory,  
And praise to God on high!  
Sing, sing the joyful song,  
Let it never cease,  
Of glory in the highest,  
On earth good-will and peace.

CHORUS.

Sing, sing for Christmas,  
Welcome, happy day!  
For Christ is born our Saviour,  
To take our sins away.

"Behold I bring the good tidings of great joy."

Christians awake, salute the happy morn.  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;  
Rise to adore the mystery of love,  
Which hosts of Angels chanted from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

TRINITY, N. Y.—A few weeks ago Dr. Dix completed his twenty-fifth year as rector of Trinity Church. Of the clergy then in the parish—Drs. Higbee, Haight, Hobart, Weston, Vinton, Ogilby, and Young—only one survives, Dr. Hobart, the son of New York's great Bishop; of the then vestry all are dead. Three new churches have been built, two new school buildings have been added, and the new office building at the rear of St. Paul's Chapel. The clergy, nine in 1862, are now eighteen. The baptisms, then 371, are this year 1,158; the confirmations, 206 against 464; the communicants, 1,227 against 5,535; the school children, 2,770 against 7,071, and the contributions of the parish were \$22,000 against \$91,000. The contributions of Trinity Church alone were in 1862, \$2,189 and in 1887, \$46,000. These figures tell their own story of the work done in this venerable parish, and the manner in which the stewardship of that great trust is administered.

THE "Old Episcopal Chapel" in West-street, St. Martin's-lane, London, England, owing to the death of the Incumbent, is to be sold next month at the Auction Mart. For many years it was the head-quarters of Methodism in the West end, and John and Charles Wesley, Whitefield, Fletcher of Madeley, and other prominent Methodists frequently preached there.

THE past year has witnessed no diminution in the number of conversions to the Church from the ministry of the denominations, says the *Living Church*. Since last Advent there have been 27, divided as follows: Methodist, 8; Congregational, 5; Baptist, 4; Reformed Episcopal, 2; Roman Catholic, 4; Universalist, 1; not specified, 3. Of these, three came home after wandering.

THE Bishop of Minnesota, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Whipple, has been invited by the vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge, England, to preach the sermon before the University in June next.

THE Rev. Dr. Alberigh-Mackay, Senior British Chaplain, Paris, has come to America for the purpose of interesting Churchmen in the important work of Pere Hyacinthe. Dr. Alberigh-Mackay has had many years' experience in the movement inaugurated by the latter. He comes to this country with the full sanction of the English and American Bishops who have been connected with efforts to sustain the Old Catholic reform in France.

A series of special services are being held in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday evenings for the members of the London Diocesan Association, followed by addresses in the Chapter House on some department of Church work. The members are invited by groups of rural deaneries.

THURSDAY, 24th Nov., was the 88th anniversary of the birth of Bishop Philpott, of Worcester, and there were great rejoicings at Hartlebury Castle. In the afternoon the Bishop planted an oak-tree near the celebrated Mitre Oak, and

Mrs. Philpott, planted a yew-tree in the church-yard.

UNIVERSAL regret will be felt at the announcement that Canon Lockock has resigned the Principalship of Ely Theological College, which he has held since it was established in 1876 by the late Bishop Woodford. Canon Lockock was said to be in the running for the Lady Margaret Professorship, but no one seems to have suggested him for the Hulsean. Undoubtedly he is one of the first theological scholars of the day.

THE judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, whereby Mr. Bell-Cox was set at liberty, has been reversed by the Court of Appeal. It now appears that Mr. Bell-Cox ought still to have been languishing in Walton Gaol. Mr. Hakes having thus vindicated the law—which is, of course, the public duty of every good citizen—let us hope, says the *Family Churchman* that he will rest upon his laurels.

ONLY some six years ago the Church of England Homes for Waifs and Stays were founded, the leading spirit being Mr. E. de M. Rudolf, who began modestly as well as with energy. Two or three hundred pounds constituted the income for the first year, subscribed mainly by Mr. Rudolf's friends. Last year the society had an income of five or six thousand pounds, and deserved it tenfold. The Dowager Lady Lampson, has just given a donation of £2,000 to the society, £1,200 of which will be devoted to extinguishing the mortgage on the society's home at Dulwich.

TRURO Cathedral must now be added to the list of two or three in which the Holy Communion is celebrated every day.

THE Earl of Meath presided at the anniversary meeting of the Church Army on Thursday, and Dr. Edghill at the convention in the evening, when an amusing incident took place. While the Chaplain General of Her Majesty's Forces was on the platform, one of a party of "roughs" was seen cooking herrings at the stove at the back of the large Mission Hall. The Church Army was evidently reaching many of the so called "unemployed."

WE are reminded, says the *Family Churchman*, a propos of the visit of an Armenian Bishop to an English Church in Bombay, that Bishop Heber, the author of "In Greenland's icy mountains," when in India, once received the Jacobite Metran Athanasius to communion, and placed him in his own episcopal chair.

DURHAM.—A series of interesting meetings have been held by Mr. W. G. Wardman, in Durham, for the purpose of opposing the Bill which seeks to legalise marriage with a sister-in-law. One of the meetings was in character a debate, which seventy of the undergraduates attended, and which showed the bent of feeling in the University of Durham to be almost unanimously against the Bill.

On the first and second Sundays in Advent, sermons were to be preached in one hundred