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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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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

BISHOP BLYTH, of Jerusalem, says there are now in Palestine nearly 70,000 Jews, whereas in 1883 there were only 23,000, and in 1841 only 8,000.

BISHOP POTTER, of New York, who lately returned from a brief visit to Europe, says he was impressed while in England with the activity of the English Church, and with the way in which it was making use of the lay element.

THE *Herald* (N. Y.) says: Judge Hilton has given half a million dollars to the Cathedral at Garden City, L. I. When a man proposes to devote any portion of his wealth to charitable objects, it is better to do it in person than to leave it for his executors to do.

THE costs of the Bishop of Lincoln in defending the suit instituted by the Church Association amount to £4,650. Three funds have been set on foot to assist him—one by the county of Lincoln, another by the University of Oxford, and another by members of the English Church Union.

THE total church sittings in the diocese of Manchester in Dec. 1890, was 457,359, of which 321,098 are free, against 454,116 (with 317,292 free) at the same date in 1889. It is reported that eight new churches are in the course of building, and eleven are proposed for erection on 1st May, 1891.

THE Rev. W. Carlile, of the Church Army, has just received a communication from Sir H. F. Ponsonby, stating that 'The Queen fully appreciates the devotion of those who have commenced the good work you describe, and hopes that their efforts to mitigate the evils you allude to may be successful.'

INDIANA.—At the Convocation in New Albany, the Bishop confirmed Professor Alfred Kingsley Glover, late a Unitarian minister at Grand Haven, Mich., and received him as a postulant for Holy Orders. Mr. Glover is a Professor of Science in the Indiana Normal University, located at Eganville. He is a graduate of Columbia College, New York, and of the Meadville Theological School, Pennsylvania.

IOWA.—The increase of the Church in the diocese of Iowa during the last decade has been largely in excess of the increase of population. Since 1880, as we learn from the census returns, the increase of population has been about seven-tenths per cent., while the Church growth as indicated by the communicants during the same period has been 58 per cent. This is certainly a remarkable development.

LORD GRIMTHORPE, says the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, "has been wounded in the house of his friends—in other words, a majority of the Council of the Protestant Churchmen's Alliance, of which he is president, have carried an amendment against him in reference to the Lincoln judgment. The moderate members have scored a great

victory, and, it is reported, have drawn to their side the Rev. H. W. Webb Peplow, a popular vicar in Kensington, whose influence with the Evangelicals is great.

THE Dean of Wells, Eng., has just promised £100 to the Church Army Labor Home Scheme, which is the Church movement for dealing with 'Darkest England.' Arrangements are now being made to open labour homes in many of the largest towns in England. It is felt that the prolonged stay of two or three months under strict personal influence is undoubtedly more lasting in its effect than the casual life in shelters.

THE Bishop of Wakefield, Eng., was entertained at dinner in the Town Hall, Wakefield, by a number of gentlemen who have raised the sum of £1,500 to purchase the site of the Bishop's residence, which is about to be erected at Wakefield, at a cost of £12,000. After dinner the Mayoress (Miss Hazelgrave) held a reception, at which the title deeds of the land, with an illuminated address were presented to the Bishop on behalf of about forty subscribers.

It is very characteristic of the late Dean Church that he should have left behind him urgent and express wishes that his friends should abstain from erecting any monument to his memory. His wish will of course be respected, and St. Paul's will remain without any sculptured trophy of one of the greatest Deans the Cathedral ever had. In life Dean Church always preferred to keep in the background, but his influence was none the less powerful for that; and although no memorial of him will adorn the walls, yet he will live for many a year in the affection of his friends and in the gratitude of those many readers who owe to him more than this age has yet found out.

THE total cost of the new parish church of Portsea, Eng., the foundation stone of which was laid by the Empress Frederick of Germany, has been £46,200. 'A Layman' subscribed in all £23,617 0s. 8d., and at a meeting of the building committee lately held the vicar, the Rev. Canon Jacob, announced that he had given £3,000 towards meeting the deficiency, and made a conditional promise of £500 more. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor for his 'unfailing sympathy and munificent help,' without which, the Committee added, they could not have brought to a completion the splendid church which has been provided for the parish of Portsea. It is known at Portsmouth that the donor of these large sums is Mr. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Treasury.

THE contributions from the Church of England to the Hospital Sunday Fund, London, Eng., last year are £342 more than in the previous year. The total increase is £527. The total contributions from the Church of England amounted in round figures to £31,000 out of a total of £38,000. St. Jude's, South Kensington; St. Michael's, Chester Square; and Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, sent be-

tween them £3,371 to the fund, the first named church contributing £1,258 of this amount. It will be seen that the Church contributed just upon four-fifths of the total sum collected. Twenty-two religious bodies sent the remaining fifth, about £7,600, less £259, which is described as 'Various.' 'Various' evidently needs some educating in blessedness of giving.

To those who imagine that the parochial system is a failure we commend the perusal of a pamphlet which we have just received, entitled, "A Brief Retrospect of Ten Years' Work in the Parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, London," by the rector, Rev. A. J. Robinson. Mr. Robinson has a staff of four curates, six paid missionaries and Scripture readers, and five licensed Lay readers, who give their services gratuitously. Frequent services are held in the Parish church, which is open all day for prayer and meditation, and there is an open-air pulpit in the churchyard, from which thousands are addressed on Sundays and weekdays, who would never enter a Church. We are told that the open-air services are "characterised by order and reverence," and are "remarkable for the liturgical character of the devotions."—*Family Churchman*.

An important part of Mr. Robinson's work in London is among the Jews, who form a large proportion of his parishioners. With regard to this he says:—"Ten years have made a perceptible difference in the behaviour of Jews at Christian worship and towards Christians. We have had our converts, and it is interesting to know two of them have been ordained in the American Church. But as I am only speaking of general results, I will merely say that I can see greater reverence in the Jews when they do come into our service. Hats are taken off, and there are a larger number who stop to the end of the services. Prejudice is broken down. They see that our object in trying to convert them is, from our point of view, to do them good, especially as we take the utmost care not to do anything that should lead them to believe that we wish to purchase their adhesion to Christianity.

It will be a revelation to those sanguine persons who believe that school board education has at least given a general knowledge of Christianity to all the poor children of London, Eng., to read such a story as the following:—"Can you tell me anything about Jesus Christ?" was the question asked of a child about 11 years old, not long ago, in one of the East-end parishes, and the answer given, with a stare of frank inquiry, was, "Please, sir, is that anyone that lives about here?" Mr. Robinson had, last summer, to prepare for Confirmation a lot of rough lads who had been in the habit of going to an "unsectarian" mission-hall. They were "as ignorant as could be"; "and then," says the rector, "I saw once again clearly the absolute need of doctrinal teaching, and the inestimable blessing those children who have been taught the Catechism. I speak what I know, and what I am prepared to prove, when I say we cannot overrate systematic dogmatic teaching. The people conducting the services were intensely earnest, only, through