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"Grace be with 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.

The parish of Christ Church, Stratford, Conn., was founded in 1706.

Miss Dawson, of Ripon, has given a fine peal of eight bells to the parish church, Rothbury.

A beautiful carved oak pulpit was presented to St. John's Church, Oneida, N. Y., on Easter Day.

At the 61st annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee, the Rev. Dr. Gailor was elected as assistant Bishop.

The Dean of Worcester has accepted the Presidency of the Parochial and Foreign Missions to the Jew's Fund.

At St. Andrew's, Romford, Eng., a brass processional Cross, set with stones, presented by two members of the congregation, was used for the first time on Easter.

At St. Mary's, Chelmsford, two handsome brass candlesticks, the gift of two ladies, were used for the first time on Easter Day.

The Bishop of London, on 13th April, laid hands on four Deaconesses, over whom the *Veni Creator* was sung, and to each of whom a Bible and sealed Commission were given.

The Rev. W. Lawrence, S. T. D., Dean of the Episcopal Theological school in Cambridge, Mass., has been elected as Bishop of the Diocese in succession to the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Brooks.

Zion Church, Pontiac, Mich., received new altar vestments from its Young Ladies' Guild and \$200 from the congregation, and \$130 from the Sunday School as Easter offerings.

At St. Paul's, Des Moines, Ia., the Easter offering for a complete set of Eucharistic vessels amounted to \$1,600. This parish is a centre of bustling activities, all enlisted in the Church's work.

Among those who were expected to speak at the St. James's Hall meeting on the 24th ult. were Lord Selborne, the Bishop of Llandaff, Lord Cranbrook, Sir John Llewelyn and Canon Knox Little.

In St. Andrew's, South Brooklyn, 141 persons have been confirmed in three years, and during the same time there have been 146 baptisms, including 27 adults. Yet the chapel only contains 150 sittings.

The new church at What Cheer, Ia., only recently opened suffered severely in the recent cyclone which passed over that State. It was removed from its foundations, badly wrenched and strained.

Grace Church, Port Huron, Mich., received a baptistry lantern, new altar linen and an altar desk as Easter gifts. On the evening of Easter Day a vested choir of 42 girls and young ladies led the service.

The Bishop of Pretoria, the Bishop of Cairo, Ill., U.S.A., the Dean of Bloemfontein, and Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Kingston, Ontario, have consented to become vice-presidents of the Society of St. Osmund.

The Bishop of Peterborough has arranged a retreat for the clergy of his diocese, which will be held in the Cathedral on the 11th, 12th and 13th of July. The conductor is to be the Rev. Canon Newbolt, of St. Paul's Cathedral.

A church is about to be erected at Shrewsbury in memory of the late Mrs. Heliwell, of Bryan Hall, Salop. The cost of the building and endowment will be at the sole expense of her only surviving daughter, Mrs. Holmes.

One hundred thousand persons over sixteen years of age from the Diocese of St. David's (Wales) alone, petitioned against the "Suspensory Bill," and three hundred thousand in all from the four Welsh Dioceses, prior to the middle of April.

The City meeting (London, Eng.) to protest against the Welsh Suspensory Bill, held at Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, April 14, was most successful. The Roman Catholic Lord Mayor of London, be it noted, had refused the use of the Mansion House for this meeting.

The Bishop of St. Asaph (Wales) confirmed last month, at Brynbo church, 80 persons. Four were over 60 years of age, 11 over 40, 20 over 30, and 34 over 20 years. Twenty-one of the adults had just come over from Nonconformity.

It is rumoured that a meeting will shortly be held to protest against the recent action of the Lord Mayor in placing the name of the Pope before that of the Queen on the toast list at the

Mansion House. The same spirit which animated Archbishop Saurcraft and the six bishops who suffered with him, is alive and active today. Protests are being prepared for signature both on this subject and on Cardinal Vaughan's insult to the Church at Cardiff.—*Family Churchman*.

At Boone, Ia., there is what is called the "Angelic choir." The singers are clothed in black with white kerchiefs around the neck and wear the Oxford cap; the dress being academic and in no sense trenching on the vestments of the priesthood. So writes the correspondent to the "*Churchman*."

The English Church Congress will be held this year at Birmingham, on October 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach the opening sermon at St. Martin's, the Bishop of Durham at St. Phillip's, and Archdeacon Farrar at St. George's, Edgebaston.

By the will of the late Mrs. F. D. Perry, Trinity Church, Southport, Conn., receives the family residence, &c., valued at \$18,000 and the interest of \$8,000 is set apart for maintaining the rectory grounds and buildings. \$10,000 was bequeathed to the Endowment Fund to which later on \$16,000 additional will be added; the bequests in her will in all amounted to \$150,000.

The Bishop of Bedford did well at the annual meeting of the East London Church Fund, held on last month, to point out that Churchmen have no wish to ignore the good work being carried on by Dissenting bodies. He did wisely, too, in emphasizing the difference between the work of the Church and the work of Nonconformists, when he said that the former was *continuous* and the latter was not. It is quiet, steady labour which tells in the long run, not spasmodic effort. The Church is doing a great work among the poor in the East of London. Every year finds the clergy there growing better acquainted with the people. The seed sown by Bishop Walsham-How, who inaugurated the Fund, is bearing fruit a hundredfold. But much remains to be done. There is even yet only an average of one clergyman to every three thousand souls in the East of London.—*Family Churchman*.

THE BIBLE.

God I unto Thee I kneel,
And thank Thee! Thou unto my native land—
Yea, to the outspread earth—
Hast stretched in love Thy Everlasting Hand;
And, Father, Thou has spread
Before men's eyes this Charter of the free,
That all, Thy Book might read,
And justice love, and truth, and liberty.
Thou doubly precious Book!
Unto Thy light what doth my country owe?
Thou teachest age to die,
And youth in truth unsullied up to grow.
In lowly homes a comforter art thou—
A sunbeam sent from God—an everlasting bow.
—ROBERT NICOLL.