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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 communicants of St John's, Taunton, Eng., have presented to the church a very handsome brass altar cross.

THE Rev. J. H. Thompson, vicar of Coadley, who has just died at an advanced age, has bequeathed £3000 to the Church Missionary Society.

THE Bishop of Ely, in the course of a visitation charge at Cambridge last week, characterized prosecutions for an excess of ritual as extremely mean.

It has been determined that a new pulpit in the choir of Norwich Cathedral would be an appropriate memorial of Dr. Goulburn's ministrations as Dean.

A beautiful brass processional cross set with crystals, was used for the first time on Easter Day in Warminster Parish Church. It was the gift of fifty subscribers.

Bishop Barry is expected to arrive in England about the last week in June, and he will at once commence his duties as Assistant-Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop Darnford, of Chichester, has been astonishing priests and people in his diocese by holding confirmation services twice daily. The venerable prelate is in his eighty-sixth year.

BISHOP PABET, of Baltimore, on May 6th, confirmed a class which was unique, at St John's Church in Washington. It consisted of nine colored candidates, and the sister-in-law of Postmaster-General Wanamaker, the daughter of the late Justice Matthews of the Supreme Court, the daughter of Secretary Blaine, and Justice Gray of the United States Supreme Court.

THE new Parish house of the Church of the Ascension, New York, is a substantial structure of eleven rooms. Just within the vestibule are the words set in mosaic: "For the service of man in the name of Christ." The lower story is occupied from end to end by a spacious room for the Sunday-school. In the three stories above are rooms for committees, for the Rector and assistant, for guilds, societies, the Parish visitor, &c. The cost of the building was \$26,000.

TRURO.—The first wedding in Truro Cathedral since its consecration took place on Thursday, April 25th. The bride was Miss Dora Whitaker, of Truro, daughter of the late Rev. George Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, and sister of the Rev. G. H. Whitaker, canon of Truro; and the bridegroom as the Rev. Eustace Bryan, M. A., assistant curate of All Saint's, Fulham. The service was choral and largely attended.

It is said that there are three peculiarities about the Bishop of Wellington, who has just been elected to the Primacy of New Zealand

He was the first deacon ordained in Sydney—the first clergyman ordained in New Zealand—and the first bishop consecrated without letters patent from the Crown. He is now in his seventy-fourth year.

St. Thomas Church, New York, which is one of the wealthiest of the city parishes, has weekly collections, in other words gives all its Sunday offerings for charitable and missionary objects. These offerings last year amounted to nearly \$22,000. The pew rents are sufficient to pay all the expenses of the parish itself. Other city churches do nearly or quite as well. Is it quite fair to point a finger at such parishes with a charge of fashionable pride and selfishness?

THE Right Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, Bishop of Central New York, has written to the *Evening Post* in response to a request for his opinion of George Washington that "if Washington were now living in the United States he would find the political atmosphere offensive and the political morality intolerable;" and he concludes that in spite of the commanding genius of Washington as a statesman and soldier, "and in the wisdom of rule which have set him foremost among the founders of States, he would probably be at this day ineligible to the Presidency, to Congress, or to any office controlled by political machinery."

THE mind wants steady and setting right many times a day. It resembles a compass placed on a rickety table—the least stir of the tables makes the needle swing round and point untrue. Let it settle then till it points aright. Be perfectly silent for a few moments, thinking about Jesus; there is almost a divine force in silence. Drop the thing that worries, that excites, that interests, that thwarts you; let it fall like a sediment to the bottom, until the soul is no longer turbid, and say, secretly: "Grant, I beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful servant pardon and peace; that I may be cleansed from all my sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind."—*Bishop Huntington.*

*John Bull* states that Canon Lucas, one of the Proctors in Convocation for the diocese of Winchester, has tabulated the rulings of the Privy Council. They have ruled:—"Twice that the Ornaments of 1549 may be used, twice that they may not; once that 'standing before the Table' applies to what follows, twice that it does not; once that wheaten breads may be made round, once that they may not; once that the Injunctions of Elizabeth are inconsistent with her Prayer-book, once that they are not; once that a Cross be placed over the holy table, once that it may not; once that the priest when consecrating may stand in front of the table, once that he may not.

ON April 15th, at 8 o'clock in the morning, Father Damien, the noble and self-sacrificing Roman Catholic priest, departed this life among the poor lepers, by whom he had been surrounded for sixteen years. The disease attacked him about three years ago, and has made unusual haste in its work. The labors

of this devoted man will be remembered as long as this fall disease exists among us. They were appreciated by Christians generally, and his fame had spread wherever Christianity is. English churchmen sent sums of money to aid him in his work, and others sent him supplies for his afflicted flock. There is still another priest in the Settlement, who performed the last offices for the dead over his deceased brother. A more elaborate memorial service was held in Honolulu.

At the opening of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland yesterday week, the Irish Primate said that as the peace and prosperity of Ireland, the cessation of crime, and the decrease of agitation were so closely connected with the interests of the Church, spiritually and temporally, he felt bound to express in his own name, and in the Synod's name, the deep sense of thankfulness to God that the dark cloud which overshadowed their fatherland was gradually rolling past, and that faint streaks of a better and brighter day were dawning on them. The wise, firm, just, and merciful rule of the present Government was bearing fruit and drawing closer still the time-honoured bonds of their common Empire, and with hallowed pride they could, in reviewing the dark past, remember that amidst all the bloodshed, rapine, and tyranny, and exclusive dealing under which Ireland groaned, the members of the Church of Ireland were faithful to their God and loyal to their Queen.

A neat story is told of a Roman Catholic priest in Victoria, whose sermons are usually of a practical kind. On entering the pulpit on Sunday he took with him a walnut to illustrate the character of the various Christian Churches. He told the people the shell was tasteless and valueless—that was the Wesleyan Church. The skin was nauseous, disagreeable, and worthless—that was the Presbyterian Church. He then said he would show them the Holy Roman Apostolic Church. He cracked the nut for the kernel and—found it rotten! Then his reverence coughed violently and pronounced the Benediction.

A Chinese Christian recently asked Arch-deacon Moule how many clergymen there were in England. Being desired to guess, he said: "It's a little country; perhaps 15,000" and being told that there were 23,000, said, in astonishment; "Twenty-three thousand! Then you can well spare one thousand for China."—*Record*

The Right Rev. Octavius Hadesfield, Bishop of Wellington, who has been elected to the primacy of New Zealand by the local Anglican Synod, says an evening contemporary, is in his seventy-fourth year, and was educated at the Charterhouse and Pembroke College, Oxford.

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