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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.

THE following American Bishops are expected to be present at the Lambeth Conference:—Dane of Albany, Pierce of Arkansas, Rulison of Central Pennsylvania, McLaren of Chicago, Spalding of Colorado, Knickerbacker of Indiana, Perry of Iowa, Neely of Maine, Paret of Maryland, Paddock of Massachusetts, Harris of Michigan, Whipple of Minnesota, Thompson of Mississippi, Tuttle of Missouri, Starkey of Newark, Potter of New York, Lyman of North Carolina, Walker of North Dakota, Bedell of Ohio, Morris of Oregon, Whitaker of Pennsylvania, Whitehead of Pittsburgh, Burgess of Quincy, Hare of South Dakota, Seymour of Springfield, Quintard of Tennessee, Paddock of Washington, Coxe of Western New York, Welles of Milwaukee; Dudley of Kentucky, and Scarborough of New Jersey.

[We believe every Bishop of the Church of England in British North America, with the exception of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, will be present also. He is prevented from attending for the reasons announced in his charge].

Two Episcopal elections were held in the first week in June, in the Church in the United States, in Fond du Lac and Delaware. The Rev. George McClellan Fiske was elected Bishop of Fond du Lac. He is now rector of St. Stephen's Church, Providence, R.I., one of the largest and wealthiest churches in New England. He was for four years, from 1880 to 1885, the first assistant to the Rev. Dr. Nicholson, at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, and at that time made a noble record in that parish and city. He is a fine preacher, a man of great executive ability, of engaging and attractive manners. He is about forty years of age, a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and of the Middletown Theological School in that State. The Diocese of Fond du Lac is chiefly a missionary one, for which work Mr. Fiske has singularly strong qualifications. The population is about one-half composed of Belgians and Germans. Mr. Fiske is well qualified to meet the problem of such a diocese, being himself a thorough French and German scholar, and able to preach in these languages. The election was made upon the second ballot, and with great unanimity. The diocese is to be congratulated upon the happy choice.

Delaware has also made a wise selection in the election of Dr. Coleman, who singularly enough, was elected the first Bishop of Fond du Lac 13 years ago. At his declination, the late Bishop Brown was chosen. The Rev. Leighton Coleman, S.T.D., was born in Philadelphia about fifty years ago; graduated at the General Theological Seminary in 1861; was successively rector of St. John's, Wilmington, Del.; St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; and Trinity, Toledo, Ohio. He resigned the latter parish to go to England, where he resided for seven years, being actively engaged in parish and other work; he returned to America in 1887, and accepted work at Sayre, Pa.

WE regret to announce the death of the Ven. Archdeacon Hannah, late vicar of Brighton, in his seventy-first year. Born in 1818, and elect

ed Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, in 1837, Dr. Hannah took a First Class in *Lit. Hum.* in 1840, and was made a Fellow of Lincoln College. In 1843 he became incumbent of Combe Longa, near Woodstock; in 1847 he was chosen Rector of the Edinburgh Academy; whence, in 1824, he was collated to the Wardenship of Trinity College, Glenalmond, and the Pantorian Professorship of Theology. He was for nearly eighteen years Vicar of Brighton, for fourteen years Prebendary of Chichester, and for twelve years Archdeacon of Lewes. He filled the office of Bampton Lecturer, and preached before both the Universities. Among his published works are his Bampton Lectures, "On the Fall and its Results," and "A Plea for Theology as the Completion of Science," and various lectures and sermons.

ON Thursday last, the Rev. R. Cotterill Wanstall, vicar of Condover and Rural Dean of Shifnal, gave a lecture in the Town Hall, Shifnal, on "Our Churches, who built them? Our Endowments, who gave them?" The lecture was a view of the foundation, endowment, and development and division of the parishes of the rural deanery. Beginning with the parish of Shifnal its history was traced from Saxon times through the Norman period to the present, showing that its foundation and endowment were individual and voluntary, and that the parishes separated from it were similarly founded and endowed. The history and endowment of other independent parishes in the deanery were similarly exhibited. The lecture was of great interest, all the illustrations being local, those who were present being shown in the concrete, and by the example of their own parishes, that the Church of England has not been endowed or enriched by the State, but that she owes her possessions to the free gifts of her sons in the past and in the present.

BISHOP AUSTIN, of Guiana, has reached England for the Lambeth Conference. He has been Bishop of Guiana since 1842, and is the oldest member of the Anglican Episcopate. On July 10th, the Bishop will read a paper upon Missions in St. James' Hall, and on the 13th of July he will preach in Westminster Abbey.

THE Rev. A. Cyril Pearson, rector of Springfield, Essex, proposes to throw open his rectory grounds to all parishioners above the age of sixteen years on Sunday afternoons, from four to six o'clock, during June, July and August.

THE Bishop of Worcester has headed the list of subscriptions towards the cost of restoring All Saints' Church in his Cathedral city. The amount which his Lordship contributes £1,250. is just *one fourth* of his official income.

OUR CHURCH A LIVING BODY—A proof that the Church is not a mere fossil relic of a bygone age, a dried up mummy for the idle curious to gaze upon with passing interest, but a living, breathing body, instinct with vigour and vitality is in the fact that her *Sacred Buildings*, those hoary monuments of our ancient fathers' zeal and love, are now the source and centre of religious zeal and love in every parish; not musty locked-up temples of an absent God like

Baal, who has only time to look in once a week, being otherwise engaged in "talking or pursuing or on a journey" six days out of seven; but free and open to all comers every day and all day long, as becomes the dwelling place of an ever present Father, always anxious to receive His children, always ready to greet them with a welcome, and never sending any of them empty away, but speaking to them in the solemn hush of His holy habitation with a still small voice that reaches to the troubled soul.

ENTRANCE AND LEAVING CHURCH.—It is a custom, which the feeling of Christians has rendered sacred, not to enter or depart from this holy place, nor to assemble for the purpose of hearing the word of God, without first in a whispered prayer entreating His blessing that we may not pray or hear in vain. "I will not ask," said Bishop Heber, "how many there are among you with whom this custom has passed into an idle form; I will not ask how many cover their eyes and say nothing; but this I will say, that worthier honour would be paid to God's house, and more souls by far than now escape, would be snatched from sin and everlasting misery, if, when you thus give outward token of your reverence, you would beg the help of your Almighty Father in some words like these: "O God, without Thee, I am not able to please Thee; but may Thy Spirit this day both teach me the things that belong to my peace, and preserve them in my faith and recollection, so that the seed which Thou sowest may prosper in my heart, till that day when Thy blessed Son shall return to reap His harvest."

KEEP AND PONDER.—According to statistics gathered by the *Evening Post*, four fifths of the gain during the last five years of non-Romanist bodies in New York City, (or 8,170, out of 10,799) has come to the Protestant Episcopal Church. The growth of the population of the city since 1880 is 15.38 per cent. The percentage of gain of all non-Romanist bodies is only 13.03 per cent. But *The Church* has made a gain of 31.74 per cent. in the town leaving the gain of all our Protestant brethren as only 3.12 per cent. The *New York Sun* claims further that while only *one-third* of the population belongs to the P. E. Church, yet fully *one-half* of the church attendance outside of Roman Catholic churches is in the P. E. Church. According to the tables given, from 1872 to 1887, the Presbyterians grew from 18,773 to 23,016; Baptists from 11,513 to 13,687; Methodists from 11,507 to 12,981; Reformed, from 5,568 to 7,281; Congregational, from 929 to 2,315; while our church growth by *communicants* was from 19,650 to 33,903 in the same time. We have no means at hand for verifying the statistics, but they certainly come from an unbiassed source, and are presumably as nearly accurate as possible. The showing is certainly a remarkable one.—*Church Record*.

EUCCHARISTIC wine should be red rather than white, agreeably to the terms in which SS. Cyprian and Augustine speak of it; as when the latter refers to the tongue empurpled in the Eucharist. Moreover, certain canons passed by Provincial Councils, though not, of course,