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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.

"I earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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### ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

**PRAISE-WORTHY.**—The Rev. Eyre Chatterton, B.D., curate of Holy Trinity Parish, Stockton, Eng., is giving up his Curacy in order to undertake missionary work in India.

**NEW SEES.**—Two new dioceses are in course of formation. Lebombo is to be the name of a See, which is to include Delagoa Bay; and British Honduras, which hitherto has been under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Jamaica, is to be constituted an independent bishopric.

**WORTH NOTING.**—The Bishop of Llandaff held a Confirmation recently at Blaenawn, Wales, where he laid hands on twenty-eight Church people, forty-three ex-Baptists, twenty ex-Wesleyans, one ex-Congregationalist, ten ex-Primitive Methodists, four ex-Calvinistic Methodists, one ex-Bible Christian, and fifteen who had belonged to no denomination.

It is stated that in Berkshire, England, there are 70 parishes with a population of 20,000—but not a single Nonconformist place of worship. That seems like a rare survival of the happy days when there was no competition and no rivalry, no heresy, and no schism, in all the counties of England. The Christianity of England was then a solid phalanx.

**EXCELLENT RULES.**—The Bishop of Liverpool has been setting forth some excellent rules for preachers. 1. Beware of "dictionary words," the most powerful and forcible words are short. 2. Never speak or write long sentences or paragraphs. 3. Remember you will never attain to simplicity of preaching without plenty of trouble. 4. Remember people need to be taught, in the simplest way, *how* to read Scripture; *how* to pray; *how* to communicate; *how* to meditate; and that is the kind of sermon most attentively listened to by all.

**OXFORD HOUSE.**—The foundation stone of the new Oxford House in East London has been laid by the warden of All Soul's College and the Bishop of Bedford. It is hoped that the buildings will be ready for use in June, they will cost \$65,000 and will be a bright spot in many ways in the dreary region where they are being erected. The House will contain a library, a chapel, a lecture hall, several rooms for the men's club, and accommodation for twenty residents, Oxford graduates, who give themselves to the service of the poor. The entire cost of the buildings and their support is borne by members of the University.

LORD Penzance, Dean of Arches, gave judgment in the case of Boyer v. the Bishop of Norwich. The plaintiff, Rev. C. E. P. Boyer, complained that the Bishop of Norwich refused to institute him to the living of Brantham, in Suffolk, to which he had been presented by Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and the Bishop maintained he was justified in the course he had adopted, as Mr. Boyer had been nominated to the living by a Roman Catholic, Sir Alexander Beaumont Dixie, Bart., and this was contrary to the law of the land. Lord Penzance decided in favour of the Bishop, basing his judgment on an Act passed in the reign of Queen Anne, which, among other things, says:—"Roman Catholics shall be disabled and incapable to present, collate, or nominate to a benefice."

**NATIVE Christians** in British India are increasing at a rate unknown among any other considerable section of the population, at a rate more than four times higher than the population of India as a whole. It appears also that this increase of the native Christians was much greater than what may be termed the machinery for their supervision and control. While the number of Mission stations had increased only three-fold between 1851 and 1881, the number of native Protestant or Anglican Christians had multiplied more than five-fold, and number of native communicants (the most closely cared for class) by nearly ten-fold. During the nine years from the first general census of 1872 to the second in 1881 (the enumerations by the census officers alone being dealt with) it was found that the native Christians in British India had increased by over 30 per cent., while the general population of British India had increased by less than 7 per cent.—*London Times*.

**IMPORTANT MEMORIAL.**—A memorial has been presented to the Archbishops and Bishops of the provinces of Canterbury and York on the training of candidates for holy orders. It is signed by about 250 laymen, including Viscount Hardinge, Viscount Halifax, Earl Nelson, Earl Fortescue, the Duke of Newcastle, and others, and states that the memorialists venture to approach their lordships "with the expression of our profound conviction that the lack of more thorough systematic and prolonged training of candidates for Holy Orders and newly-ordained men is seriously impeding the spiritual usefulness of The Church, especially in its influence over men of all classes." Three resolutions are appended to the memorial suggesting (1) that the entrance examination to theological colleges should be conducted by an external authority; (2) that the course of study for non-graduate students should extend over not less than three years; and (3)

that the period of the diaconate should be prolonged.

**PRINCELY GIFT.**—The committee recently appointed by Bishop Paret to select a site for the proposed Cathedral at Washington, have accepted a gift of 14½ acres of land just north of the city limits from Messrs. Francis G. Newlands and H. P. Waggaman. The property is worth probably \$200,000. The transfer of the land will be made as soon as Bishop Paret approves the selection. It is then proposed to raise in that city a fund of \$100,000 to begin the work on the cathedral, after which an appeal will be made to the Episcopal churches of the country for further contributions toward this national project.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.**—Some surprise has been expressed that the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol should have accepted, not only a pastoral staff, but a mitre and cope as well. Dr. Ellicott's rather pronounced Protestant views might have seemed incompatible with his assumption of these emblems of episcopal authority, and he plainly told the donors that he had a considerable struggle before he could bring himself to accept them. Most people, however, will think that he has done wisely. The staff, at any rate, is now used by bishops whose fidelity to the Reformation is as unimpeachable as Dr. Ellicott's, and the use will probably, in a very few years, become universal. The Bishop proposes to assume the cope and mitre at his Christmas ordination. It was suggested that he should wear them at the installation of the new Dean, but he then appeared in his Convocation robes with the pastoral staff.—*Family Churchman, London*.

THE Anglican Communion embraces all Christians in full communion with the Church of England, and so is composed of these parts:

The Church in England: 38 bishops, 24,090 other clergymen.

The Church in the United States: 61 bishops, 3,800 other clergymen.

The Church in Ireland: 13 bishops, 1,807 other clergymen.

The Church in Canada: 24 bishops, 1,300 other clergymen.

The Church in Asia: 13 bishops, 713 other clergymen.

The Church in Africa: 13 bishops, 350 other clergymen.

The Church in Australia: 21 bishops, 269 other clergymen.

The Church in Scotland: 7 bishops, 266 other clergymen.

Scattered Diocese: 9 bishops, 120 other clergymen.

Total bishops, 199; total clergymen, 32,715.