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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.

BISHOP Whittle of Virginia has been seriously ill but is recovering.

DR. Joseph Klapp of Philadelphia left \$2,500 for church purposes.

IT is stated that the Bishop of London's fund has just received a New Year's gift of £1,200.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph who has been seriously ill, is progressing favorably towards recovery.

NEWS comes of the safe arrival of Bishop Tucker at Mombasa. The Bishop was in good health.

THERE are six Swedish students and a Swedish professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

A VESTED choir of 8 men and 28 boys was introduced into the parish of St. Johns, Troy, N.Y., with the new year.

THE late E. K. Tryon of Philadelphia amongst other bequests left \$10,000 to the Episcopal Hospital for crippled children.

THE late Susanna Frost bequeathed \$500 each to St. David's Church, and St. Timothy's Hospital, Philadelphia.

THE Bishop of Pittsburgh reports the supply of Clergy willing to undertake missionary work as *not* very abundant.

THE Bishop of Delaware recently confirmed several persons at St. Matthew's mission for coloured people.

THE Bishop of Neath (Dr. Reichel) and of Killaloe, and the Lord Primate of Ireland, (Dr. Knox) have all been seriously ill.

A PASTORAL staff was presented to Bishop Lyman of North Carolina, on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

THE Duchess of Rutland opened on 13th January the New Church Institute at Lincoln, which is intended as a non-political working men's club.

HIS GRACE the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., has just forwarded a donation of £300 towards the fund established by the Bishop of Southwell for the augmentation of poor livings in North Derbyshire and church extension work.

THE list of subscribers for procuring the Cope, Mitre and Pastoral Staff lately presented to the Bishop of Bristol included it is said with high and low churchmen and representative members of the Wesleyan Independent and Baptist bodies.

THE Confirmation class now in preparation at St. Georges N. Y., already numbers 200, most of whom are adults. One family consists of a grand mother, aged 70, her three daughters and her grand child.

LADY Clarke, of London, England, the wife of the Solicitor-General, has given £5,000 for the purpose of raising a permanent church in St. Peter's district, Staines, and Sir Edward Clarke has promised an endowment.

CANON Jacob, vicar of Portsea, has received a cheque for £500 from Viscountess Hambleden, which completes the building fund for the parish church. The cost of the edifice was £46,000, of which the late Mr. W. H. Smith contributed over £27,000.

A SYDNEY telegram reports the collapse of the Church Mission in New Guinea, owing to the breakdown of the missionaries. Mr. McLaren is dead, and many of his helpers have returned invalidated to Sydney. This was the first mission of the Australian Church.

ELY.—A movement is on foot among the clergy of the diocese to memorialise the Bishop protesting against the claim of the Archbishop of Canterbury to have jurisdiction in matters of ritual over his comprovincials. Many signatures have already been received.

THE late Mrs. Elizabeth U. Coles, of New York, has left one half of the residue of her estate, (after some special legacies are paid), and valued at \$200,000, to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. She also gave her pew in Grace Church to the Corporation, its value being at least \$1800.

THE death is announced of Bishop Philpott. The late Bishop retired about a year ago from the see of Worcester with a pension chargeable to his successor, Dr. Perowne, which of course now lapses. The late Dr. Philpott was a distinguished graduate of the University of Cambridge, where he took the same degree precisely with the late Dr. Harvey Goodwin, viz.—Second Wrangler and Smith's Prizeman.

THE Bishop of Bedford has issued an appeal for a Training College for Lay Workers, where men will be admitted either as residents or to attend evening classes, to be specially instructed in the Bible, Prayer-book, English Church history, and "the duties of lay Church workers." Certificates are to be given after one year's residence, or two years' attendance at evening classes. It is to be clearly understood that this college is not for persons "who desire ultimately to take Holy Orders."

THE large and valuable theological library of the late Dr. Littledale, bequeathed to the diocese of Cape Town, South Africa, has arrived safely at its destination. A commodious house has been purchased by the diocesan trustees, in which will be deposited not only the Littledale bequest, but also the books already belonging to the diocese, upwards of 6,000 in number, which are at present in the cathedral vestry and at Bishops court. Besides the library, the Church House contains offices for the transaction of diocesan business, rooms for church meetings, and quarters for the diocesan secretary.

A GOOD showing is made by the so-called Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Over 4,000 clergy, half a million communicants, and nearly 2,000,000 baptisms, over 100,000 confirmed—this is a very fair result in the way of increase during the year. Besides there are nearly 500 candidates for Holy Orders, and the records show an *increase of income* amounting to two million dollars! The general growth of the Church far exceeds proportionally that of the population at large, or of any other religious section of it in particular. It looks like "the Church of the Future."—*Public Opinion*.

CANTERBURY.—"The Archbishop," writes a correspondent, "is seeking to know something more than is at present within his knowledge as to the agencies at work in his diocese outside the Church of England. In order to obtain the information he requires, his Grace has addressed a series of questions to every incumbent in the province of Canterbury. He asks among other things what are the number of Nonconformists in each parish, to what sect do they belong, and what is the representative strength of each sect. The Archbishop also desires to know what amount of Scepticism is prevalent, and what are its causes. These inquiries show the anxiety of his Grace to make himself acquainted with the religious condition of his diocese.

WITH respect to the acceptance by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol of the gift of a cope, mitre, and staff, Mr. W. Digby Thurman, a well-known solicitor of Liverpool, writes: "(1) The cope, from any point of view, is clearly legal, being enjoined on the Bishop in his cathedral church by Canon 24, of 1603, and recognized by the Privy Council decision in the case of Mr. Purchas. It has invariably been used at coronations, and figured in the Abbey of Westminster at her Majesty's jubilee service in 1887. (2) The mitre is alike the popular and the heraldic emblem of the historic episcopate. It is as legal as the college cap or the wig. It appears prominently on the carriage panels, letter paper, and official seals of the most Protestant prelates, who