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Be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.—Eph. vi. 24.
Justly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

MORE than 7,000 of the clergy of the Church in England receive less than £150 a year.

THERE are 70 lay readers licensed by the Bishop officiating at 50 different points in the diocese of Massachusetts.

BISHOP BROOKS in the first year of his Episcopate administered Confirmation on 151 occasions, 2127 persons being confirmed.

THE Rev. A. Gray Maitland, formerly minister of the Congregational Church, Sydenham, Eng., has been appointed vicar of Dudley.

SEVEN young men of St. John's Church, Canton, N.J., have presented the parish with a set of Altar vestments for the Trinity season as a memorial of a young friend.

St. ANDREW'S CROSS truly and tersely remarks there are "a great many men in this country whose property and whose religion are both in the name of their wives."

THE Rome correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, England, writes, "In Vatican circles it is believed that Mr. Gladstone, when he has formed his ministry, will re-open official *rappor*ts with the Vatican."

IN the 13 years during which the Missions to Seamen Church for Bristol Harbour, Eng., has existed, no less than 16,500 seamen and bargemen have become total abstaining members of the CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

THE 200th anniversary of Christ Church, Calvert, Maryland, was recently held. The first Church was log and was built in 1692. In 1732 the present Church was erected out of bricks brought from England and cost 800 pounds of tobacco!

An Irish correspondent, writing to one of the English Methodist contemporaries, repudiates the prevalent ideas as to "Roman Catholic generosity" towards Protestants, and gives the following as facts:—That since the Corporation of Dublin has been gradually changing its character from a Protestant to a Roman Catholic body "the best judges will hardly say that Dublin is improved"; that since 1880 no Protestant has been appointed to any office for which a Roman Catholic having anything like suitable qualities could be found; and that when a Protestant and a Roman Catholic are candidates for the same office a vastly inferior Roman Catholic will be selected.

THE journal of the Convention for the diocese of Chicago shows a gratifying increase in membership and activity during the past year. The Church families have grown from 7035 to 7666; there was an increase of nearly 3000 souls of 1266 communicants and 241 Sunday school scholars. The total contributions of the year were \$408,079 an increase of \$32,892 over the previous year.

MANY members of the Presbyterian Church at Amenia, N.Y., barely escaped being killed because their minister gave them by mistake a strong acid for Communion wine. This occurrence carries with it a forcible warning that too much care cannot be used in the selection of wine for sacramental purposes.

St. GEORGE'S Sunday school, New York, was kept up all summer. The largest attendance on any Sunday for July last year was 773 and this year 905. There are 1929 members in all, of whom 13 are officers, 403 members of the Bible class, 682 members of the senior and 831 of the primary department. The latter is a class by itself conducted by 36 officials and having a membership of 201 boys and 199 girls.

At a meeting of the S.P.G. in the South of England a few days ago, the Bishop of Trinidad had a letter put in his hands containing money, with the following words:—"The savings of twelve young domestic servants who went without sugar in their tea during Lent, and send the money thus saved to the land where sugar comes from."

LETTERS and papers from Newcastle, Australia, give a graphic account of the laying the foundation-stone of Christ Church Cathedral by the Earl of Jersey. About thirty clergy and two Bishops preceded the Primate (Dr. Saumarez Smith), whose pastoral staff was borne before him. There was a very large Masonic procession, and the stone was laid with full Masonic ceremonial. There was an immense concourse of people.

ANOTHER instance of death through "faith cure" is reported. In this case it was a child in Indiana, whose mother, an ardent "Christian Scientist," although urged by her friends, refused to send for a physician, saying that she had given the child to God and that He would cure or kill it at His pleasure. Such a deed is certainly contrary to the teaching of Him who gave the power to heal; it is as certainly a violation of moral law, for as far back as the heathen philosophy of Cicero it was held that neglect to prevent harm to another is as much a crime as to do wilful injury. It ought also to be made a violation of civil law, as one form of infanticide.

St. THOMAS' Church, New York (the Rev. John W. Brown, D.D., rector) maintains beside the parish Church a chapel and a mission. Many parochial societies are exceedingly active in all good works. The communicants number 1459, an increase of 148 during the year. The Governor of New York is a parishioner of St. Thomas, a member of the Vestry and has done much good work.

THE Rev. Alfred Clifford, M.A., secretary to the Church Missionary Society in Calcutta, has been appointed to the newly created see of Lucknow. The new Bishop, who took his B.A. degree at Cambridge in 1872, and his M.A. in 1878, was curate of St. Nicholas, Nottingham, from 1872 to 1874, when he proceeded as a missionary to India. He was appointed secretary to the Church Missionary Society in 1885, and in the following year honorary chaplain to the Bishop of Calcutta.

THE Methodist Conferences are at an end, and the numerical results of the past year's work have now been obtained. The Wesleyan have an increase in their membership of 737, and the United Methodist Free Churches of 442. The Methodist New Connexion, the Primitive Methodists, and the Bible Christians all show a decrease in their numbers. The net increase of the whole of the Methodist Churches in this country [England] is only 162 for the year.—*The English Churchman.*

MR. BLAKE, the Canadian statesman, now an Irish M.P., will be welcomed, says a contemporary, in England, by the Evangelical party; for in Canada he was a pillar of this section of the Church. Mr. C. J. Abbott, the present Prime Minister, was equally as pronounced a High Churchman. These two politicians lived close to each other in the summer at St. Annes, near Montreal, overlooking the junction of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers. Both were lecturers and lay readers, and conducted a service alternately at the mission or summer Church. Mr. Abbott read sermons of Canon Liddon in the pulpit, whilst equally strong meat on the Evangelical side would be furnished the following Sunday by Mr. Blake.—(So says the *Church Review* of London, Eng. Who ever heard the story in Canada.)

THE London *Guardian* is very hard upon the Home Reunion Conference at Grindelwald, and thus delivers itself in its editorial columns:—"Perhaps it has not occurred to the Bishop of Worcester or the Archdeacon of London that to fraternise with Wesleyans, Congregationalists, and Baptists on the ground that episcopacy is