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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.

**BISHOPRIC ACCEPTED.**—The Rev. Elisha S. Thomas, D.D., has accepted the call to become the assistant Bishop of Kansas, and the Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, the Missionary Episcopate, of Idaho and Wyoming, to which he was appointed by the late General Convention.

**CONSECRATION.**—The Bishop of Melbourne was consecrated at Westminster Abbey on Friday, 25th February. The Archbishop of Canterbury, was assisted by the Bishops of London, Rochester, and Manchester, and Bishop Perry, and Canon Osman preached the sermon. Bishop Goe left England for Melbourne, via Brindisi, on Saturday following.

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY.**—Church Bells says that on Saturday, 5th inst., at 3.15 p.m., an address on Church work in Canada, will be given by the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, from the diocese of Niagara; and on the 12th, one on Chinese Missions, by the Rev. Llewellyn Lloyd, of Fou Chou, China.

**MISSION BOXES.**—About 13,000 Lenten Missionary Boxes have been distributed in the Sunday-schools of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. They are furnished free of cost for Missionary purposes.

**SUNDAY-SCHOOL AMUSEMENTS.**—Bishop Stevens of Pennsylvania, in closing a discussion at the Sunday-school Institute on the question "Should the Church provide Amusements for the Sunday-school?" said, that it seemed it would be better if they could be organized and given not as parts of the Church and Sunday-school, but in such a way as would place them under the Church's control in some measure. "I want the Church to keep to its work, which is specifically a religious work. You cannot blend the preaching of the Gospel with other work, so that the Church shall not suffer."

**GROWTH.**—The outlook for the Church in Indiana grows more hopeful every month, and Bishop, Clergy, and laity, are working heart and hand together to push the Church more and more to the front.

**AN ENQUIRY.**—Is there anywhere asks the Nebraska correspondent of the Church, a Minister of our Church who will take charge of a Mission in a growing town in Nebraska?—population 1200, healthful climate, beautiful country, good workers, town lots for Church and rectory secured, Church to be built at once;

about twenty-five communicants to begin with; salary, first year, \$800 or \$900; a man with some experience, with a knowledge of men, with some industry, with a moderate supply of faith, a plain, straightforward Churchman, and a plain, practical preacher; such a man can soon make for himself and the Church, a Parish of which the Diocese would feel proud. Bishop Worthington will be glad to hear from such a man as we have described.

**INTERESTING FIGURES.**—"The Official Year Book of the Church of England," just published, gives some interesting facts among its "returns" of eighty per cent. of the parishes in England and Wales. There were 1,181,915 communicants on Easter Day, 1885; and more than 4,300 baptisms in that year. An army of 1,787,000 Sunday-school scholars was controlled by more than 153,000 teachers, and the list of Bible-class members amounted to 275,000. The sum freely given by Church folk toward assistant clergy, church expenses, and Home and Foreign Missions, the relief of the poor, and church and parsonage buildings, was close on twenty million dollars. The Education Department returns credit Church liberality with another million (£1,058,060), and when we add £16,000 given for theological schools, and £10,000 for public school missions, we have the total for the year 1885 as £5,005,937; and that with twenty per cent. of the parishes in town and country making no returns.

The Manuals of Christians, written by the Rev. Walker Gwynne of the diocese of Maine, have been translated into Chinese by Bishop Boone. We trust it may prove interesting reading to the Chinese.

**LARGE PARISHES.**—In New York City, there are twenty-three parishes that have over five hundred communicants each. Six churches have over one thousand, and Trinity has nearly eighteen hundred. Fifty years ago, there were five communicants in every one thousand of the population in the state of New York. Today there are twenty. The growth has been four times as great as the increase in population.

**LAUS DEO.**—During the reign of Queen Victoria, there have been erected 6,000 buildings for worship in the National Church as against 3,000 by all other religious communions put together. Seven new dioceses have been founded at home, and sixty-two in the colonies. Within the last half of her reign, £81,000,000, has been voluntarily subscribed for Church purposes, and £22,000,000 in elementary education in voluntary schools.

**GOOD ADVICE.**—Let parishioners make it their business to invite strangers to church, to offer them a seat, to introduce them to other members, and especially to the rector. Let them, as soon as ascertained, furnish the rector with the names of the new comers to the church and town, in order that he may visit them. This is a practical way to build up a parish in which every one can join.

**MISSIONS TO JEWS.**—The English Society for

Jewish Missions recently celebrated its seventy-eighth anniversary in London. The income during the past year was £39,997; the expenses, £30,911. The Society employs 141 agents, and has thirty-five stations, mostly on the Continent. When the Society was founded there were not fifty Jewish converts in England; now there are about 3,000, and among them 100 in the active ministry.

**DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER AGAIN.**—The question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister will (it is stated) be raised in the House of Commons this Session, by a resolution to be moved by Mr. Henegge. A Bill will be introduced into the Lords for the purpose of giving legal recognition to such marriages when they have been celebrated in the colonies in which they are permitted by law.

**FREE SEATS.**—St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, New York, one of the old parishes, adopted the free seat system eight months ago. Now the income of the parish, from free will offerings, is at the rate of \$5,800 per annum—nearly double what it was under the old pew system. This scores one more in favor of free seats in churches.

**ALL SAINT'S, ROME.**—The New English Church of All Saint's, Rome, will be opened for worship on Easter Day. It will not be completed, as two-thirds of the tower remain to be built, and the chancel floor, pulpit, and reading-desk are only temporarily constructed of wood. The expenditure has been, so far, £6,000 for the site, £6,000 for the foundations, £10,000 for brick and stone work of walls, and £6,000 for marble fittings and roof, &c. Nine painted glass windows are ordered at a cost of £600, given by various members of the congregation. As the funds are exhausted, the chaplain has been obliged to advance £3,000.

**SECURE HELP.**—Do not try to do it all yourself, is advice says the *Pacific Churchman*, which many a zealous young pastor should give heed to, and some older ones, as well; but secure as many helpers as you can in the congregation. Find work for as many as possible to do. Leave to the vestry all that properly belongs to them to do, and encourage them to attend to it, help them, interest them in it, but do not take their business out of their hands. So, too, with Guild work. Make it real; make it a practical accomplishing of something that can be seen to be of real value, and have as many interested and active workers in it as possible. Doing something creates interest; and interest gives life. The most successful pastor is the man who succeeds best in setting his people to work, enlisting their sympathies and directing their energies. The man who is inclined to monopolize all the work, attend to everything himself, not only wears himself out, but is making an inefficient, dead-and-alive congregation. Great advance is being made in the utilizing of the laity, in England especially, and here too. But there is room for much more lay work of all sorts.