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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.

THE Bishop of Central Pennsylvania has been very ill; and is not yet fully recovered.

THE late Andrew H. Miller, of Philadelphia, left \$20,000 to the Episcopal hospital of that city.

By the will of the late Mrs. Laird, of Christ church, Georgetown, D.C., the Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society receives a legacy of \$6,000.

THE marriage of Bishop Worthington, of Nebraska, and Miss Milton, of Boston, Mass., will take place at the home of the bride-elect immediately following the Easter holiday.

ACCESSION.—Mr. William Herbert Hawken, until recently pastor of the Methodist Church at Fayetteville, N.Y., and his wife, were members of the class confirmed at Grace Church, Syracuse, on St. Matthias' Day.

ANOTHER.—Bishop Paret recently confirmed at St. John's Church, Washington, Mr. S. A. Whitcomb, lately pastor of the Universalist Congregation of "Our Father" in that city. Mr. Whitcomb is a postulant for Orders.

A THIRD.—A Reformed Episcopal minister is seeking orders and has had an interview with the Bishop of Maryland to that end.

A FOURTH.—Wm. P. Evans an able man and for four years pastor of St. Paul's English Lutheran Congregation, Baltimore, has resigned his work in order to enter the ministry of the P. E. Church.

CHEERING—HOPEFUL.—There is no more cheering sight nor more hopeful sign than that of Old Trinity standing in the midst of our great mart of trade, with Morgan Dix at its head, turning all of its princely income into streams of beneficence to bless the city, and using his matchless powers for the defence of the Gospel and for the integrity of Holy Scriptures.—*N. Y. Herald.*

AN Eastern lady has generously offered to build, as a memorial to her mother, a \$6,000 chapel for St. Philip's colored mission, Omaha, provided the indebtedness on the lot is paid by Easter.

A PHILADELPHIA lady has sent Bishop Morris a check for \$3,500 for the endowment of a bed in the Good Samaritan Hospital, at Portland, Oregon. This is the fifth bed in the hospital endowed by Philadelphians, at the aggregate cost of \$16,000.

THE FAITH.—"The faith once for all delivered to the saints" is the only faith that will save. He that tampers with that faith is tampering with the salvation of immortal souls. Any human being that adds to or subtracts from the rule of faith laid down at the beginning does so at his own peril.

BIRMINGHAM.—Thirty-two thousand pounds have been raised for the completion of the Birmingham Bishopric Fund, and the remaining £18,000 for the required sum of £50,000 is, the Bishop of Coventry states, practically guaranteed.

DOWN.—Dr. Reeves's successor in the Bishopric of Down is an Ulster clergyman, the Rev. T. J. Welland, D.D., incumbent of St. Thomas's, Belfast. Dr. Welland has been duly elected by the Diocesan Synod.

EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW.—The total bequests of Mrs. Wm. V. Welstack of Phila. (who died last month) to the church and charitable institutions, amounts to upwards of two million dollars. Some years since she built the memorial chapel of Holy Trinity in memory of her daughter and she has now left it \$250,000.

A DUKE'S TESTIMONY.—The Duke of Fife, in sending £25 to the Church Army, says from what he saw himself last year, not only that the homes of the Church Army are admirably managed, but that they are doing a work of great importance amongst a class difficult to permanently benefit."

UNITARIANISM is on the decline in England. Mr. Harry Rawson, a prominent Unitarian, at a recent meeting in London, publicly stated that many of their churches were in a bad way. A well-informed Unitarian has said, with more definiteness, that there were no fewer than fifty Unitarian congregations in a very sickly condition, and near to the point of extinction, whilst several chapels have been closed. A weekly organ of the body acknowledges they are fast becoming Rationalists.

NEW DIOCESE PROPOSED.—A further increase of the Episcopate in England is being proposed for the North. It is said that the dioceses of Carlisle and Manchester are in great need of relief, and it is suggested that a compact diocese could be formed from the two (with possibly some slight addition from the diocese of Ripon), the new episcopal town to be that of Lancaster, owing to its beautiful and capacious parish church. The formation of such a diocese would relieve Manchester of 101 benefices out of its 504, and Carlisle of about 90 out of its 294.

C.E.T.S.—The Police Court Mission of the Church of England Temperance Society is doing grand work unostentatiously. It has forty-two missionaries at work in the courts and at the prison gates, seven labor yards, four homes for men, two homes for inebriates, three homes for women, and a race course and van mission. During the past year 18,721 persons (ex-prisoners) were visited at their own homes; 13,290 met on release from prison, more than 10,357 assisted to obtain work or provided with tools and stock in trade, etc., and a large number of women and girls restored to their friends or received back by their old employers on the intercession of the missionaries.

RULES FOR DEACONS.—*Primer of York*:—1. In ordaining a deacon the Archbishop is under no pledge to admit him to the order of priesthood at the end of his first year. The duration of his diaconate will depend [a] on the result of his examination; [b] on the report received of his life and work after his ordination. 2. The deacon shall not be required to preach more than twice a month a sermon of his own composition, which he shall immediately afterwards send to the Archbishop for his inspection. At other times he will read such sermons as have been sanctioned by the Archbishop as homilies for use in the diocese. This rule does not apply to mission rooms. As soon as the Archbishop shall be satisfied with the sermons presented to him, the restriction will be withdrawn. 3. He shall give two hours daily to definite theological study, and his work must be so arranged as to enable him to do so. 4. A deacon is not authorized in this diocese [1] to celebrate marriages; [2] to prepare candidates for confirmation, except by way of assisting in the preparation given by the parish priest; [3] to catechize children at the time of divine service, except by special permission, of the Archbishop. At other times he shall "instruct the youth in the Church Catechism." 5. It is not desirable that the deacon should officiate in any other parish than that in which "he shall be appointed to serve." 6. It is hoped that the deacon may be allowed a period of not less than four weeks in each year for the purpose of rest and recreation.