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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 Earl of Stamford is one of the London (Eng.) Diocesan Lay preachers.

A SECOND altar has just been placed in the nave of Southwell Cathedral.

BISHOP BROMBY has been appointed assistant to the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

THE Archbishop of York conducted the *Three Hours* devotions on Good Friday in York minister.

THE Rev. Brownlow Maitland has been elected Vice President of the S.P.C.K. He has been connected with the society for nearly 50 years.

SINCE 1876, fifty-two church edifices have been erected in the Diocese of Chicago; nineteen in the city and thirty-three in the outlying towns and country.

THE number of young men in the United States is estimated at 6,500,000. Of these, it is said that 550,000 are enrolled among the criminal classes and that only 375,000 are connected with any Christian body.

THE Rev. Joseph Baker, recently of the Methodist ministry, has applied for Holy Orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S. During his candidateship he will reside at Logan. —*Kansas Churchman.*

THE Deaf Mute Mission in Chicago has recently acquired its own church, the former St. Clements on the South Side. Rev. J. H. Cloud has a congregation of deaf mutes under his care in St. Louis.

A FORMER slave in Jefferson Davis' family has translated the Bible into the Sheetswa language. This tongue, which is spoken by 300,000 people in Africa, is said to be the two hundred and ninety-third language or dialect into which the Bible has been translated.

THE Archbishop of York requires that all unpaid Lay Readers must undergo examination on the fundamental truths of the Faith and on the doctrines of *The Church* before being licensed by him to conduct services.

THE Bishop of Calcutta has given the sum of £5,000 towards the endowment of the Lucknow Bishopric, on condition that the remaining £2,000 required is raised within twelve months.

THE Rev. R. O. Greep will be the S.P.C.K. chaplain on board the *Oregon*, which will sail for Canada on the 23rd instant, and the Rev. F. R. Hole will be the S.P.C.K. chaplain (instead of the Rev. John Bridger) on the *Sardinian*, which sails on the 21st instant. Five or six S.P.C.K. chaplains will leave Liverpool for Canada each month during this and the following months of the emigration season.

THE CHURCH.—The Church of God is in the world, not as a human invention, but as a divine appointment to be applied by human hands. Its fellowship is not salvation, but is a means of salvation. Its sacraments are not a grace, but are channels of grace. The Bible is not a charm or talisman, but is a teacher or guide. Its services are not spells, but they are helps and refreshments.—*Selected.*

THE Rev. John N. McCormick, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a brilliant pulpit orator, at one time stationed in Frederick City, Maryland, has severed his connection with that body to enter the Protestant Episcopal Church. This makes two pastors of Trinity M. E. Church South, in Frederick City, who have left that communion; the other being Rev. J. A. Regester, now rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown, D.C.

SINCE 1811 the Church in England had spent on the education of the poor upwards of 30,000,000% of money, 15,000,000% before the Education Act of 1870, and more than 15,000,000% since. She has accommodation in her schools for 2,500,000 children, while the school boards, with all the machinery of State organization, have only accommodation for some 1,600,000 or 1,700,000. The Church has on her registers 2,100,000 children, while the Board has some 1,600,000. In other words, the National Church, by her own voluntary contributions, her own magnificent liberality, her own earnestness, and zeal, and patriotism, in spite of every obstacle, hindrance, and attack, is still educating at no cost to the State, except the open grants which they, in common with every other school, may earn, more than half of the children of the working classes in England and Wales.

WHEN the late Bishop Merriman of Grahams-town was presented with a mitre, he characteristically observed that Bishops put mitres on their note paper and on their carriage panels, and that he had heard of a Bishop wearing *slippers* with mitres worked on them, but that he intended to put his mitre on its *only proper place*, namely, on his *head*. And he did so at all Ordinations and Confirmations till his death. It is absurd for any one to formulate ludicrous objections to a Bishop using the historical and traditional ornaments of the episcopal office.—*Southern Cross.*

PRESBYTERIANS IN PHILADELPHIA.

THE Philadelphia *Enquirer* tells of a meeting of our Presbyterian brothers, who discussed "The Enrichment and Improvement of Our Public Worship."

THE question of more ritualism in the Church service occupied the attention of last evening's session of the Presbyterian Social Union at the Bellevue Hotel. About four hundred members were present, many of whom are leading professional and business men. Robert C. Ogden presided and B. B. Comegys, president of the Philadelphia National Bank, read a very interesting paper entitled, "The Enrichment and Improvement of Our Public Services," which was discussed by a number of those present. In the paper Mr. Comegys advocated many changes in the present forms of worship in the Presbyterian Church.

"Ministers give several hours to the study of sermons every week," he said "but how little time they give to the preparation prayers which they deliver before their respective congregations on Sunday. If these prayers were printed verbatim beside their sermons in the daily papers on Monday morning they would not have a very pleasant effect on the readers. Let the pastor write their prayers if they have had memories and lay them on the Bible and read them."

HE favored the recitation of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer at the service and also the singing of the Psalms. He criticised certain fashionable choirs which strive more to display their vocal abilities than to reaching the souls of the faithful. He advocated the observance by religious services of the feasts of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ.

MR. Comegys concluded by stating that he was strongly opposed to the word denomination. All people who believe in the divinity of Christ, he declared, constitute the Church, and the great hindrance to the progress of Christianity is a want of Christian unity. All sects and denominations go to make up the Church, but their generals are fighting among themselves to see who shall be in the front or rear.

ELDERS Sharp and Boyd agreed with nearly all Mr. Comegys had said. The latter strongly