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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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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

THE first Christian Church which was founded in Rome itself was a Greek Church and not a Latin Church.—*Coit.*

MOSHEIM declares that it is proved to a demonstration that no legates from Rome, but devout men from Asia, established Christian discipline among the ancient Britons.—*Coit.*

THE nine hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, Eng., was observed last month. As a worthy memorial of the Wulfrun Noningentenary, it has been decided to erect and endow a new parish church for the town.

THOUGH the past year has been one of the hardest, financially, through which the United States has ever passed, the contributions to the missionary treasury of the P.E. Church from Sept. 1 to May 1 were in advance of those received during a corresponding period of the preceding year.

AT Canterbury Cathedral, behind several iron deed boxes, a number of bundles have lately been discovered, carefully wrapped in sheets of parchment. On examination they were found to contain a vast number of important historical documents and letters extending over a space of 700 years.

By her violent and unmitigated exclusiveness, Rome has put herself in a state of separation from the Catholic Body of Christ, and become a mere anti-Catholic separatist and nothing better. Mr. (later Cardinal) Newman understood this well enough when he was an independent thinker and had not put on the strait waistcoat of Popery. "They" (the Romanists as he then habitually called them) "cut themselves off from the rest of Christendom."—*Coit.*

The Interior (Presby.), Chicago, says: "One cannot help being impressed with the inefficiency of the Salvation Army in giving to those who attend their meetings anything that is of solid and lasting value. With their drums and bugles they gather large crowds, but the exhorters give no instruction. Listening to them one evening, we could not help thinking what an opportunity there is here for a preacher, for some one to tell these people about Christ."

THE East then it is, and not the West, which has founded our religion; given it its most venerable and abiding names of Christian and Catholic; inaugurated its commencement; disseminated its principles; spread far and wide its blessings.—*Coit.*

THE Church Missionary Society's Medical Mission Band, begun 45 years ago by sending out Dr. William Wilton to Foo Chow, has now

25 medical missions in connection with the society. The last returns show 3,947 in-patients and 30,247 out-patients for the year, with 5,458 medical visits to the homes of the people, and 12,331 operations performed.

CHRISTIANITY in Britain is quite as old as Christianity in Italy,—so old there that Christianity in Rome could give it no aid whatever; for being in swaddling clothes, it had to struggle for so much as simple existence.—*Coit.*

THE Welsh farmers have made the startling discovery that disestablishment will not abolish that part of their rent charge called "tithes." It must be paid just as before as a part of rent, the only difference being that the proceeds will be given to secular boards to squander, instead of the religious objects to which they were devoted by the donors. Tithe is not a state tax, but an endowment given by individuals piously disposed.

THERE is not a shadow of credible proof that Christianity was brought into England either from Rome or by Rome. . . Rome could not have been the patron to whom her thanks are due.—*Coit.*

MR. R. SCOTT MONCRIEFF, the Special Commissioner in Palestine of the Society for the Relief of Persecuted Jews, describes a visit made lately to a series of Jewish abodes in Jerusalem. Few were above ground—they were underground, in cellars and caves, wholly out of sight. In courts behind houses were steps leading down to lower courts, and from these he went down to others still lower, where were dark places, piercing the debris, fragments of passages and chambers in solid masonry of past ages under old houses, among the foundations of ancient Jerusalem. There, in holes and caves accessible only by tortuous underground passages, were the abodes of these poor creatures, where light and air cannot enter, save foul air from open drains and refuse water.

FRANCE as well as England is indebted for her religion not at all to Italy or to Italian emissaries. . . Lyons, and Lyons in direct connection with Oriental Christendom, is the channel through which Christianity penetrated France. . .

THE EAST then, and not Italy, not the head of an Italian Church, may claim the honour of giving Christianity to those countries which are now the head of all civilized nations. France and England have in consequence little to thank Rome for.—*Coit.*

"THE FORUM," an American monthly magazine, is justly severe on the irreverent methods adopted by revivalist preachers to attract persons to their meetings. 'Among them,' it says, 'there is a lively competition in announcing well in advance the titles of sensational lectures

and sermons—'The Burial of an Ass' and 'Choosing a Partner' may be mentioned as samples of such titles. Yet, in spite of all these desperate expedients, religious life could hardly be more dead than it is wherever they are adopted.' This is bad enough in America, which is the home of sensational revivalism; but we are sorry to say that the same irreverent methods for drawing a congregation have been lately introduced into Bandon. During the week beginning Monday, 9th April, a revivalist preacher delivered Evangelistic Addresses (?) on the following subjects: 'Births, Marriages, and Deaths,' 'A King in a Fix,' 'A Highway Robbery,' 'Fearful Storm—Great Loss of Life,' 'A Great Earthquake with Glorious Results.' We cannot understand how any number of intelligent Christians could listen to such profane babblings, or how the promoters of such meetings could think that they are furthering the Gospel of Christ by such silly trifling with holy things.—*From the St. Peter's, Bandon, Parish Magazine.*

IT was Rome which began the great schism that divided the East from the West. . . . She has stamped schism as a hideous and indelible fact on the Church's history for more than a thousand years.—*Coit.*

TO ALL WHO WORSHIP IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

Come in good time to kneel down in private prayer to God, Who is our Sanctifier, Redeemer, Creator.

Remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism.

'Pray with the spirit, and pray with the understanding also; sing with the spirit, and sing with the understanding also.—1 Cor. xiv, 15.

Say aloud (not in whispers) all Creeds, Responses, and Amen. (*See Rules in Book of Common Prayer.*)

Kneel down in public prayer. Stand up in public praise.

Hear Sermons, according to these words of God to His Missionaries: 'He that heareth you heareth Me, and he that rejecteth you rejecteth Me.'—St. Luke x, 16.

Every one who has been confirmed by a Bishop is to receive the Lord's Supper at least three times every year. (*See Rules in Book of Common Prayer.*)—*Selected.*

THE Evangelical party in the Church of England have lost a great leader and a devoted disciple by the death of Canon Hoare, vicar of Tunbridge Wells. Canon Hoare's life has been one long record of diligent pastoral work. After graduating from Trinity College, Cambridge, as Fifth Wrangler, in 1834, he was ordained, and for ten years served two curacies. His first living was St. John's, Holloway, but he remained there only twelve months, and removed to Christ Church, Ramsgate, of which parish he was vicar for six years. In 1853 he was promoted to the important Vicarage of Tunbridge Wells, which has been the scene of his many labours ever since. Canon Hoare was a thoughtful man, and his theological works have had a