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"Grace be with 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 *Christian Union* says that the Episcopal Church is distancing all others in New York city.

It is announced that the new Bishop of Columbia, the Right Rev. Dr. Perrin, will sail from Liverpool on April 20th.

THE annual report of the S. P. G. showed a gross income for 1892 of £127,148, an increase of £10,628 over the previous year's returns.

It is said that the Rev. Dr. Greer, of New York city, is the choice of the Diocese of Massachusetts, as its Bishop, in place of Bishop Brooks, deceased.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury delivered a series of Lenten addresses in the private chapel of Lambeth Palace, especially to women much occupied with social business and duties.

THE friends of the Church of Scotland have resolved to raise a defence fund of £30,000. It is also intended to hold a great meeting of Scotchmen in London to protest against disestablishment.

THE Episcopal Church of Scotland, according to the annual statistics just published, has now 288 congregations, including missions, and the membership has risen from 91,740 to 94,257. The number of communicants has increased from 35,493 to 36,800.

THE Rev. T. Tapley Short, a Wesleyan Methodist minister, has taken orders in the Anglican communion, and been appointed to a church in the Ballarat diocese. Mr. Short was formerly a member of the "Logal Hundred" of the British Conference.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

DURING the year ending Easter, 1892, the total net income of the clergy in England from Endowments was over £3,000,000. During the same period the voluntary contributions for Church work exceeded £5,000,000. And yet it is falsely stated by her enemies that the clergy are paid by the State!

THE IRON CROSS GUILD (headquarters Boston, Mass.) is said to be doing a most excellent work amongst men and boys. The primary and fundamental objects of the Guild are to enable men to live in Temperance, Reverence and Chastity, by the use of Prayer and the Sacraments and the exercise of works of mercy.

THE Committee of the Church Missionary Society have selected Rev. Jervois A. Newnham, of Cote St. Antoine, Montreal, to succeed the late Dr. Horden as Bishop of Moosonee. Mr. Newnham is a hard-working Canadian clergyman, who has taken a deep interest in

missionary work in the Far West.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

ON Tuesday, 14th March, at Amlwch, Wales, a crowded and enthusiastic meeting of Non-Conformists was held, at which a resolution was passed, amidst great applause, that "we, Non-Conformists assembled, emphatically condemn the Welsh Suspensory Bill, now before Parliament, as a gross injustice to the Church and an insult to the people of Wales."

DR. PARKER, of the City Temple, London, England, in a sermon lately delivered, said: "Apart altogether from any particular cause, I must condemn Plymouth Brethrenism on every ground. It is pharisaic and devilish in its vanity. I pray Almighty God to root out of this land, and out of every land, that kind of sectarianism which is an outrage upon the infinite love of the all-loving Christ."

THE vacant see of Guiana has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. W. P. Swaby, D.D., Vicar of Millfield, Sunderland. Dr. Swaby was Barry Scholar and Divinity Exhibitioner of Hatfield Hall, Durham, where he graduated in 1873. He was ordained in 1871, and licensed to the curacy of Ryhope. In 1874 he became Vicar of Castletown, and in 1884 removed to the Vicarage of St. Marks, Millfield. Dr. Swaby will be consecrated at Westminster Abbey, on March 25th, in company with the Rev. W. W. Perrin (British Columbia), and the Rev. W. J. Burn (Qu'Appelle).

DISCOVERY OF THE REMAINS OF BISHOP HANNINGTON.—Very pathetic is the announcement in Bishop Tucker's latest letters. He wrote from Wakoli, in Busago, on December 10th, and expected to be at Mengo, the present capital of Uganda, on Christmas Day. He had discovered the burial place of Bishop Hannington, and natives had dug up for him the box which served as coffin, and in it were the poor Bishop's bones. A solemn service of thanksgiving was forthwith held in grateful recognition of the devoted life and martyr death of that good Bishop. His successor proposes that Hannington's remains shall be buried at the metropolis of the country for whose welfare he sacrificed his life, and that they shall be placed under the Cathedral there. The touching part of it all is, that twice Hannington essayed to reach that country of Uganda; both times came, as it were, like another Moses, in sight of the promised land, yet never was permitted to enter it. Only, unlike Moses, and, in a sense, more like Joseph, his bones are carried over for Christian sepulture there. On his first journey, as a simple missionary, Hannington reached as far as the south end of the famous lake, when repeated attacks of dysentery made it imperative that he should turn back. This he did with the utmost reluctance. On his second journey thither it was by another route, and this time he forfeited his life.—*The Rock*.

THE OFFICIAL YEAR BOOK of the Church of England contains upwards of 600 pages. Not the least interesting feature of the work are the summaries which it gives of Church work during the past year and in recent periods. We have, for example, a table which shows the amount of voluntary subscriptions for the year ended at Easter, 1892. The table, it is explained, includes only such contributions as flow through the channels of parochial organizations, taking no account of sums contributed privately to central societies. Grants from ecclesiastical corporations and home mission societies are also excluded, so that the record may be confined to purely voluntary contributions, made within the given year, and to avoid the possibility of any exaggeration by recording contributions twice over. The result, founded upon actual returns from 90 per cent, of the parishes in England and Wales, is to show a grand total of £5,160,820 3s. 8d. The amounts contributed in the Welsh dioceses were as follows:—In Bangor, £26,950; Ilandaff, £81,849; St. Asaph, £50,848; and St. David's, £59,591. The way in which the influence of the Church has grown in the large provincial towns of late is shown by a list of voluntary contributions in nineteen towns during the last quarter of a century, for building, enlarging, and restoring churches, the endowment of district parishes, and the erection of parsonages and schools. Manchester leads the way with £859,757; Birmingham is credited with £304,557; and Bolton, with a population not much more than 100,000, has raised £290,000. Swansea, in Wales, has contributed close upon £50,000.

THE LORD PRIMATE OF IRELAND ON HOME RULE.

Addressing the specially convened meeting of the General Synod of the 14th March, his Grace the Lord Primate said:—Members of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, I have called this special meeting at the request, and with the concurrence of, the whole body of the Church, because we have arrived at a crisis in the affairs of this country of the most momentous consequences. A Bill has been introduced by Mr. Gladstone into Parliament mis-called in bitter irony a "Bill to amend the provisions of the Government of Ireland." It would be far better to call it a bill to suppress the Protestant faith—a Bill to subjugate this country to Papal dictation, and I venture to say that no one in this vast assembly will be able to fathom the dangers which are contained in that Bill. In the first place this bill will check all progress in Ireland, social, moral, and commercial, for very many years to come; secondly, it will suppress the right of civil and religious liberty, rendering it intolerable for our poor Protestant scattered congregations in the south and west to exist there; thirdly it will violate the rights of property, whether private or public, or even corporate, and I venture to think the storm will break first over the head of our honoured Uni-