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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 London (Eng.) Gregorian Choral Association held its annual festival last month.

CANON CHALMERS, incumbent of St. Paul's, Geelong, Victoria, and Canon of Melbourne, has been elected to succeed the late Dr. Mesac Thomas as Bishop of Goulburn, New South Wales.

BISHOP SMYTHIES in his superintendence of the missionaries and their converts in Nyassaland, has twice walked a journey of four hundred miles, but on the last occasion broke down, and was seriously ill.

THE Bishop of Oxford has just opened a new Labour Home of the Church Army in Oxford. It is well arranged for the raising of tramps and criminals. The Bishop expressed himself in warm sympathy with its movements.

THE Bishop of Derry in a letter to a Unionist candidate says that the men of Ulster are now face to face with perhaps the gravest moment of their rugged history. He prays that his declining years may not be darkened by such a calamity as Home Rule would be.

BISHOP WILKINSON, late of Truro, has left for South Africa, taking with him the Sub-Dean of his late cathedral church, Mr. Bourke. According to the *Manchester Guardian*, the Bishop goes out "as a peacemaker to the South African Church, and is fully charged with the views of Primate."

THE English Church Union held its 33rd anniversary on Monday 13th June, service being held at St. Mary le Strand and early celebration on Tuesday in 107 London churches and in 884 country churches in England. The annual meeting was held at Princes' hall, Piccadilly on Tuesday afternoon.

A MEMORIAL signed by 10,000 women of the middle and upper classes and by many of the Bishops, clergy, members of the learned professions and other graduates of Trinity University, Dublin, has been presented to the Provost and Senior Fellows asking them to signalize the Tercentenary of the University by throwing open its educational advantages to the women of Ireland.

THE picturesque city of St. Asaph presented a lively appearance on the occasion of the annual festival of the Vale of Clwyd Church Choral

Union, when no less than 863 singers from the surrounding country parishes took part under the conductorship of the Rev. Henry Jones, Vicar Choral of St. Asaph Cathedral. The sight of nearly 900 Welsh singers taking part in the above festival, and going through their work in a most creditable manner is, to say the least, a very palpable sign that the old Church is still the Church of the Welsh nation.

NYASSALAND.—Bishop Smythies believes that the present is the very time for the establishment of a bishopric in Nyassaland. Much country adjacent to the Lake is under British protection; the Government seem determined to make that protectorate a reality by taking strong measures to put down the slave trade on the Lake, and it is possible that many English people may be attracted to the Shire Highlands. The Bishop therefore appeals for such a sum as will secure an income of £300 to the see; "surely not excessive," says Bishop Smythies, "if we think what an able man must probably sacrifice who is to make his permanent home in Nyassaland."

QUITE a model parishioner has just been discovered by an enterprising observer. She lives at Chalbury, in Dorset, and is seventy-four years old. She has, we are told by a correspondent of the *Times*, been a regular churchgoer all her days, but has never attended a service at, or set foot inside, any place of worship save her parish church. She was christened and married there, as were all her family, and she hopes to be laid to rest in its graveyard. There are two other churches within half a mile of her cottage, but "not even funerals" appear to have drawn her into them.

THERE has been, says the *Globe*, (England) much correspondence in the Church papers of late about society called the Order of the Holy Redeemer. Its heads profess to have the sanction of Anglican bishops, and its members communicate in Anglican churches, but the investigations which have been made leave no doubt that its pretensions to episcopal recognition are unfounded, and that its object is to bring the Church of England into contempt. The *Guardian* this week makes the following authoritative announcement:—"We have reason to know that this society is one constituted for the express purpose of bringing the Church of England into subjection to Rome. It maintains that the see of Rome is the only centre of truth and unity, denounces the Church of England as hopelessly corrupt, and expressly affirms that no one has a right to remain in the Church of England except for the one object of working for its sub-

mission to Rome." We cannot believe, adds the *Globe*, that this secret society is in any way acknowledged by the Roman authorities. It would be well, however, if Archbishop Vaughan, or some one speaking in his name, were formally to disavow it.

THE complete returns of Wesleyan Methodism in England for the past connexional year have now been issued. The total number of members in the thirty-five districts is 424,957, being a net increase of 737. There have been admitted on trial 27,596: new members received, 44,225; received from other circuits, 10,898; removed to other circuits, 23,746; emigrations, 550; deaths, 6,866, an increase of over 1,100 deaths on the previous year; ceased to be members, 23,097; number in junior society classes, 65,144; candidates for the ministry, 122. There is an increase of junior members of 2,414 and a decrease of the number on trial of 4,336. —*The Wesleyan, Halifax, N.S.*

THE measure of progress attained by the Church in Southern Queensland under Bishop Weber's vigorous administration during the past seven years is sufficiently striking to claim the attention of Churchmen. In 1889 Bishop Dawes was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor for the diocese of Brisbane and the following statistics will show the general development of the work from 1885 until the Synod of 1891:—

	IN 1885.	IN 1891.
Bishops working in the Diocese	1	2
Clergy	33	63
Churches	39	80
Confirmation candidates presented (about)	500	1009

That the work is making its mark upon the people of Queensland may be gathered from the census returns in the colony for the years 1886 and 1891 respectively, which shows that, side by side with the steady growth of population, the Church is making proportionately greater growth, and claiming an increasing percentage of the people.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Queensland.

Census of 1886.	Census of 1891.	Increase.
No. of population.	No. of population.	No. of population.
113,065	142,555	29,490
35.02	36.20	1.18

The principal work to which the efforts of Queensland Churchmen are now being directed—the sub-division of the enormous diocese of Brisbane [which at present covers an area of 413,000 square miles—seven times as large as that of England and Wales—with a population of 318,000]—is still incomplete.