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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.

WHILE the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is reported to have received a donation of £25,000 from a clergyman, it is "more than rumoured" that the London Diocesan Home Mission will receive a legacy of nearly, if not quite, £100,000.

THE Church Schools Company is on the high road to a great success. Though not established five years, it has opened nineteen schools, and more than ten thousand of its shares have been taken up.

A MEETING has been held at Oxford to form a University Society for the defence of the Church in Wales. The aim of the Society is to band together Welsh members of the University, and to hold meetings once a fortnight during full term, at which papers will be read, epitomes of which will afterwards be published in the Welsh press.

THE Vicar of Swansea, Canon Smith, is doing great and noble work for the Church in Wales. In three years, that is since January, 1885, the sum of £10,000 has been raised for Church extension. Four new Churches have been built and opened: St. Michael's 330 sittings; St. Matthew's 530; St. Thomas' 514; St. Mark's 504. Another Church, St. Stephen's, with 350 sittings, is nearly finished, and still one more, St. Michael's, to accommodate 500 people, is projected. The new ecclesiastical parish of St. Matthew is already separated, and two more, St. Thomas and St. Mark are to be separated a little later in the present year. In the parish at the present time there are nine curates, seven mission-rooms, and eighty district visitors. In the 17 Sunday-schools there are 2,548 scholars, and 227 teachers. This is the work which is proceeding in the mother parish of St. Mary, with a population of 40,000.

THE attack upon the Church in Wales is not a simple attack upon a single institution. It is an end to be attained, but when attained it is to be the means to a further end, and an instalment of a still larger demand, the demand for a separate Welsh nationality. It is part of a process of national disintegration.

THE Massachusetts correspondent of the *Church Review*, Conn., says: There is universal regret through the diocese at the prospect of the departure from Boston of the Rev. Dr. Courtney, owing to his election to the Bishopric of Nova Scotia, though the wisdom of the choice is so apparent that the wonder is that he was not chosen long ago.

THE *Record*, from England, printed a mysterious paragraph last week hinting at a probable secession of Evangelicals from the Committee of the C.M.S. No names are given, but the persons indicted are "a young peer, whose name has already been prominent in this context; a venerable and wealthy layman, who has for the last half-century been a bounteous giver to all sorts of good works; and a clergyman, already the secretary of an agency form-

ed by secession from one of the great Evangelical societies." These gentlemen, so we are given to understand, are about to "start a rival society more distinctly Protestant in its tone than the C.M.S."

THE Lower House of Convocation of Canterbury, will have nothing to do with the lay diaconate, says the *Family Churchman*. That is the upshot of last week's debate. Dr. Bright's speech was irresistible as showing upon historical evidence that the diaconate is distinctly a clerical calling. The need for an order of sub-deacons—or call them what you will—still exists. We hope that Archdeacon Farrar's noble appeal for an order of poor friars—again call them what you will—living among the poorest, ascetic in life, and bound by vows of poverty and obedience, will not be lost sight of. The sacrifices demanded for such a work are as nothing to those which missionaries to the heathen abroad are called upon to make.

UNDER a new scheme for a Liverpool Cathedral the present site of St. Peter's Church has been definitely selected, and the proposed cathedral will be not much inferior in size to Chester, and larger than Truro or Edinburgh. It is to have a central tower, and a nave capable of accommodating 2,500. The estimated cost is £100,000 to £150,000, towards which conditional promises of support are said to have been already received to the extent of £22,000, including £500 from the Mayor, and £1,000 from the Bishop.

FRIENDS of the late Archbishop Trench, and those who value his literary work in Biblical exposition, in poetry, and in philology, will be interested in hearing that a movement has been set on foot to do honour to his memory and to his energetic advocacy of higher female education, by endowing two scholarships in the Alexandra College, at Dublin. This college, which has done very successful work, was mainly founded by the Archbishop's exertions, and the proposed memorial will replace two exhibitions which he annually contributed to the institution.

A COURSE of lectures in Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, on "Judaism and Christianity,"—one of several courses arranged by the Church Society for Jewish Missions,—is arousing much interest amount the better class of Jews.

It is interesting to note the fact that at a recent confirmation at Llandaff, out of 121 candidates, 116, or *all but five*, were converts from dissent.

Prof. Taylor Lewis, speaking at an *Evangelical Alliance* meeting lately, bravely and wisely said:—

"Division is never to be treated as a good *per se*. I can never go with those who regard denominational distinctions as things totally innocent or desirable, much less desirable. Let union, ecclesiastical union, take place without delay between those bodies that are divided by the *least* interval. Let the *last parting* be the *first* to come together. Let it be deeply impressed on every mind that the greatness of

the sin of schism is in the reverse ratio of the smallness of the dividing interval."

Alike feeling is said to be showing itself in Canada, where some of the representative men of the leading denominations advocate reunion first among themselves of those who have separated from the Church of England, realizing that then return to it will be more practicable.

THE Primate's Church Discipline Bill provides that when a charge is made against a priest for a criminal offence, or neglect of duty—by which is not meant a matter of doctrine or ritual—the Bishop may dismiss the complaint if he sees fit, or he may hear it himself, his decision being final. Should the accused clerk object to his jurisdiction, he may remit the hearing to the diocesan court. Provision is made for the judge of this court to be either the Chancellor, or the Bishop, with two or more assessors, or the Chancellor and the "Standing Commissioners." These gentlemen are to be four in number—the archdeacon, a beneficed priest (elected by those beneficed in the archdeaconry), a member of the greater chapter of the cathedral elected by the Dean and Chapter, and a lay magistrate nominated by the Chairman of Quarter Sessions. An appeal is allowed to the provincial court, but only in matters of law. The defendant priest, but not the complainant, is allowed an unrestricted appeal to the Queen in Council; the complainant can only appeal if allowed to do so by the provincial court. The sentences of the courts are admonition, temporary suspension, deprivation, deposition from the ministry, or excommunication—the last named not imposing any civil penalty. Imprisonment is abolished. The appointment of the judge of the provincial courts is to rest with the two Archbishops, each in his own province, though they may appoint one judge to act in both provinces. This judge is to declare that he is a member of the Church of England, and to make the declaration required by the canons, and his appointment is to be confirmed by the Dean and Chapter of the Metropolitan Church.

BISHOP BLYTH, of Jerusalem, says in a letter to the *Family Churchman*—The "Parochial Mission to the Jews Association has promised me they will take up Alexandria as the first foreign station. They want at least £1,000 a year for this purpose, including medical agency. This is a *sound Church Society*, well officered under the Dean of Lichfield, but it receives only such cold support as, alas! Jewish work at present receives in England. Alexandria is now what Egypt has ever been to the Jews, a focus of national interest outside Palestine; and the enterprise there is a splendid one.

I earnestly ask the support of the Church for this society. It is young and promising, and its success will take the measure of the support given to it by the Church. There is ample room and need for its action."

THE REV. HENRY YATES SATELLEN, D.D., Rector of Calvary Church, New York, has been elected Assistant Bishop of Ohio, Dr. Bedell having been obliged to seek assistance owing to ill health.