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A P Willis, 1 ap. 22 all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.—Eph. vi. 24.
and for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

THE Bishop of Manchester, at the opening of the Manchester Labour Home, promised 100% towards the working of the Church Army.

DURING the past year death has been busy in the ranks of the Irish clergy. Fifty-one clergymen of the Church of Ireland died during 1891, eleven over the number of the previous year.

CHRISTMAS, a Presbyterian who could find no church of his denomination open in Washington, went to an Episcopal church and wrote to *The Evangelist* what a comfort and help it was to him.

BISHOP Hare of South Dakota has been prevailed upon to make a second official visit to the mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, in Japan and China, and has sailed for Japan.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Ven. Archdeacon Straton, Vicar of Wakefield, to the See of Sodor and Man. Archdeacon Straton was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1862 and M.A. in 1869. He was ordained in 1865.

THE Bishop of Manchester will hold four ordinations in 1892, viz., on the second Sunday in Lent (March 13), on Trinity Sunday (June 12), on the 15th Sunday after Trinity (September 25), for deacons only, and on the 4th Sunday in Advent (December 18). The Bishop notifies that he does not grant letters dimissory.

A MAJORITY of the standing committees have consented to the consecration of Rev. C. K. Nelson as Bishop of Georgia. The consent of a majority of the bishops is already assured, and a committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the consecration which will take place between January 21st and 28th, at St. Luke's cathedral, in Atlanta.

DURING the year the S. P. G. Board of Examiners has considered fifty-one offers to engage in work abroad. Thirty-two persons were recommended by the Board to the Society. They are distributed thus: To the Diocese of Chota Nagpore, six; to Guiana, four; to Qu'Appelle, three; and two each to Rangoon, Adelaide, Madagascar. One was sent to each of the following Dioceses: Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Lahore, Colombo, North China, Japan, Caledonia, Nassau, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Maritsburg, and St. Helena.

A good Presbyterian vouches for the truth of this: "My papa is out," said the pastor's little daughter, as she opened the door to a visitor. "But," she continued airily, "if you came to enquire about the plan of salvation, walk right in! I can tell you all about it."

ROME's tactics are well illustrated by the treatment of the Old Catholics in Bavaria, where the Romanists have got the upper hand. Their policy is to deprive Protestants of all "glory, beauty and decency" in public worship and ritual, contrary to nature and Scripture, and so wean people of taste and sense away from this puritanism to their own bastard catholicity, under cover of their æsthetic and Scriptural style of worship.

THE Churchmen of Birmingham have presented Dr. Bowlby, suffragan-Bishop of Coventry, with a purse of 200 guineas and an illuminated address in recognition of his service in connection with educational, philanthropic, and temperance work in the city during the past seventeen years. In acknowledgment, the Bishop said he looked forward to seeing soon a young, energetic, and earnest Bishop, like Fraser of Manchester or How of Wakefield, in charge of the new see of Birmingham, and he would gladly relinquish his rectory of St. Philip's as the episcopal residence.

The Roman Catholic Directory, Ecclesiastical Register and Almanack (Burns and Oates) appears in its fifty-fifth year in its usual form. It says that in England and Wales, the Roman Catholics have seventeen Bishops, 2,573 priests, 1,362 churches, chapels and stations. The Roman Catholic population of the United Kingdom, is estimated at about 5¼ millions—namely, England 1,357,000; Scotland, 343,000; Ireland, 3,549,956—Including British America (with a Roman Catholic population of about 2,370,000) Australia, India, and all other possessions, the total Roman population of the British Empire is probably (says the *Register*) about 10 millions.

THE ADVENT ORDINATIONS.—Ordinations were held in England, on the fourth Sunday in Advent by the two Archbishops and 31 Bishops, when 303 candidates were admitted to the diaconate, and the same number of deacons advanced to the priesthood. Of these 199 were graduates of Cambridge, 188 of Oxford, 44 of Durham, 18 of Lampeter, 17 of Dublin, 7 of London, 4 of Edinburgh, and 1 of the Royal University of Ireland—478 in all. The remainder were educated as under:—At the London College of Divinity, 30; at King's College, 17; at Lincoln Scholæ Cancellari, 10; at St. Aidan's, Birkenhead, 9; at Queen's College, Birming-

ham, 6; at Chichester, 6; at St. Bees, 6; at Sodor and Man Theological College, 5; at Gloucester, 3; at Lichfield, 2; at Warminster, 2; at Truro, 2; and at Wells, Salisbury, St. Augustine's, Canterbury, Church Missionary College, Islington, Dorchester, and Belfast, 1 each. There were 12 literates. The Bishop of London was ordained an M.D. of Cambridge.

BISHOP Corfe, writing from Corea, says:—"I had been (Sept. 30th) in Corea exactly a year, and it was with feelings of devout thankfulness that I saw a separate building belonging to the mission ready for the worship of Almighty God. And when you remember how much this mission owes to Bishop Scott of North China, and Bishop Bickersteth of Japan, you will see that it was a most fitting act for him (Bishop Scott) thus to inaugurate what I hope will be our permanent ministrations in this port. And so the little Mission House of the Epiphany, which for nine months has served as church, dwelling-house, and dispensary, has been given up, and we find ourselves with three houses instead of one."

THE Rev. J. W. Hicks has been elected by the Clergy and lay representatives of the diocese Bishop of Bloemfontein, in succession to Dr. Knight-Bruce, now Bishop of Mashonaland. Dr. Hicks has telegraphed his acceptance of the bishopric. The Rev. John Wall Hicks was senior Optime and first-class in the Natural Science tripos, Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge, 1870. He is also an M.B. of the London University, and M.D. and F.R.C.P. He took a second-class in Theology, 1871. He was appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Lincoln in 1885, and is Vicar of St. Mary-the-Less, Cambridge. He is the author of a text book of Inorganic Chemistry. Dr. Hicks' medical knowledge will be of much service to him as a missionary bishop.

THE American correspondent of the *London Church Review* says:

"There is no more hopeful feature in the American Church to-day than the rapid growth of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and much as your correspondent rejoices in the rapid spread of advanced ritual, he regards this society as of even greater importance. Why? Because it seeks successfully to bring men to church, and abounds in love and good works. As every chapter is under the direction of the rector of the parish it works in, and its one great object is to build up the Church, not an order, and as High and Low Churchmen zealously unite under its banner, there would seem to be no reason for the suspicion of this great society felt by Cath-