

The Archbishop further explains that, "Speaking as a Christian, and not as a student, he cannot understand the ignoring of those institutions of our Master, Christ, which were intended, and under whatever disadvantages, do widely and deeply serve as the pledges of conduct and bonds of union." He also searchingly referred to the "sign of weakness" in a scheme which ignored the "hosts of agents earnestly at work" so completely as to "convey the impression, unintentionally no doubt, that where such organizations had been long and vigorously at work your own are the only helpers and rescuers." The *Times* says that the unscientific basis of Mr. Booth's work is shown unmistakably by the absence of all statistics of his own compiling, as well as by the serious exaggeration and garbling of which he or his literary editor have been guilty.

The Rev. Prof. Ezra. P. Gould, lately a Baptist minister, began the series of special Advent and pre-Lent sermons and addresses at the mission of St. John, the Divine. He was followed by Mr. Wm. M. Runk on the next Friday evening. The attendance at the services of this mission and the increase of the Sunday-school make it absolutely necessary that proper seats be secured at once for the chapel. Donations for the same may be sent to the minister-in-charge, the Rev. T. William Davidson.

The *British Weekly* says that the Rev. C. H. Osler, a Unitarian minister of twenty years' standing has "seceded" (? returned) to the Church of England, in which he was brought up.

SECESSIONS FROM NONCONFORMITY.—The Rev. W. T. Vale, vicar of Helsby, writing with regard to the statement recently made by the Bishop of Llandaff as to the "bees returning to the old hive," says: "It may interest your readers to know that at a church which I built in a populous Lancashire town some years ago, and of which I was the first vicar, my curate was an ex-Congregationalist minister, the Scripture reader had been a Primitive Methodist local preacher, and the sexton and organist had both been congregationalists. Moreover, my next curate had been a Wesleyan minister, and he is now. I am glad to say, occupying the influential position in the dear old Church." The *Western Morning News* says that the Rev. J. H. Jones, of St. John's College, Cambridge, who is awaiting ordination, after being educated at the Baptist College, Bristol, accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Chapel, Appledore, in 1887, but resigned within twelve months in order to enter the Established Church. His father was, at his death, last year, the president-elect of the Welsh Baptist Union, and the South Wales agent of the Liberation Society.

The Rev. T. W. J. Barker, who was ordained at Exeter on Trinity Sunday, and has been licensed to the curacy of St. Aubyn's, Devonport, was for twenty years minister of the New College Congregational Chapel, London, one of the leading positions in the Congregational body. Mr. Barker joined the Church of B.A. England after much thought. He is an LL.B. of the University of London, and has a reputation for great ability and talent. — *English paper.*