

had no right to say that unity of spirit was sufficient. Without unity of organization it was difficult to work with Nonconformist Christians, because they belonged to a different organization. Unity of body was really most essential, for if they could produce a unity of body throughout the Christian world, they would be much more able to tolerate minor differences among themselves than they could now. They were in the face of many dangers. The increase of unbelief and vice of all sorts called for the united action of Christians, and it was the duty of every Christian man to labor and prayer for union of spirit and the unity of body as well. *The disunion amongst Christians was a very serious matter in mission work amongst the heathen nations.* There were some things that were exceedingly encouraging. In Scotland the Presbyterians were almost daily approaching towards the Episcopal Church. He had recently seen a copy of the Hymn Book of the Established Church of Scotland, and he had been greatly struck with the unity of faith and feeling it showed towards the Church of England. It contained all their best known Church hymns, and its tone and spirit were the same. When they saw that in a body which was very widely separated from the Church, they could thank God and take courage. There must be difficulties in their work, but they were really making very true progress. He himself did not expect to live to see the union of even the English-speaking Christians, still less to see the union of the Church of Christ; but he believed their children and their children's children would see it.

Children of Sunday-schools may help in securing new subscribers.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF CONFIRMATION.—In an address after a Confirmation at St. Martin's, Pollernewton, the Bishop of Ripon, taking for his text St. Mark vi., verse 50: "And immediately He talked with them, and said unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid," said: "You have now entered into the service of your Lord and Master, and you may safely commit the guidance of your life into His keeping; but you must not think that you are now to float easily down the stream of life; you must expect storms and hard fights, just as soldiers and sailors encounter; you will find life harder after Confirmation than before; your temptations will be stronger, but strength will be given you by your Master to overcome them all; you have now acknowledged your allegiance to Him before His Church, and you must endeavor to recognize Him in your daily life and conversation. Take an example from the disciples; they had been present with Christ at the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, had seen the supernatural gifts He exercised, and they trusted Him—they willingly went forth with Him on the dark and cold night sea after the bright sunshine they had had with Him before. The thought that nerved their souls was that Jesus was with them. So with you after your Confirmation. No matter what temptations assail you, Jesus is with you; and should the winds blow strong, and the waves hurl against you, never mind, the Master is with you. It is not your business to find fault with the position you have been placed in. You have been put there by the Master. You have now embarked on your life's voyage. The first part of any voyage is always one of hard work. The disciples found it so, and so will you; but the latter part was easy, because Jesus was with them. So with life. First hard work at school and in the workshop; then, after you have mastered your lesson, all is easy. But you must persevere. God's presence is always with you, and you must try to have a consciousness of that presence. Go, then, into your daily life, and be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid."

TOWN OR PARISH CLUBS.—We will send 20 copies of the CHURCH GUARDIAN for one year to any Incumbent or other Parish Officer for \$16, remitted with order.

RELIGIOUS QUACKERY.—"General" Booth, of Salvation Army notoriety, in publicly answering Canon Liddon's charge that he had only a "truncated creed," said:—"I believe in the communion of saints. If I were walking along the street, and a comrade was on top of a 'bus, that comrade would shout 'Hallelujah!' and I would respond with 'Amen!' That is the communion of saints." It is difficult to decide whether more to admire the simplicity or the modesty of Mr. Booth's version. And what can one say of the insufferable mockery of sacred things found in the following advertisement, which I clip from a London paper:—"Wanted.—A Clerk. Must write short-hand and be totally saved. Apply to General Booth."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Dr. Partridge delivered his usual Divinity lectures at King's College last week.

Rev. F. R. Murray lectured last week in Dartmouth on "Woman." It was a temperance lecture, showing the suffering caused by the curse of intemperance, and woman's great influence for good in the temperance movement. The press speak highly of the lecture.

HALIFAX.—*Sunday-school Association.*—There was a very large attendance at St. George's Sunday-school room last week, when the Rev. Clarence McCully addressed the teachers on the subject of "Intercessory Prayer;" Rev. W. C. Wilson on the subject of "Scripture Promises;" and J. J. Hunt, B.C.L., followed on the teachers' duty in adapting lessons to the mental calibre of pupils. The President, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, presided, and read the special litany for the devotional meetings of the Association. It was cheering to notice that representatives from every Sunday-school in town were present.

ST. MATTHIAS' MISSION.—The annual business meeting of the executive committee of the Mission was held last Tuesday, when the financial report was presented. The report showed that the Mission had raised over \$700 during the year, and that a balance of \$130.47 remained in hand to the credit of the coming year, in addition to about \$110 still due, which had been promised by envelope holders. The ladies' sewing society had raised over \$250 during the year. The Mission was entirely free from debt. The report was enthusiastically adopted. A protracted discussion followed relative to the future of the Mission.

MORE CHANGES.—The Rev. J. O. Crisp has resigned the curacy of St. Mark's and North-west Arm Mission, and takes duty at St. Jude's, Carleton, N.B. The reverend gentleman's friends in town will learn with regret that Mr. Crisp is to leave his field of work in this Diocese. He was foremost in all good works, and an enthusiastic, unselfish worker in the temperance movement.

The Rev. David Neish has resigned the curacy of St. Paul's.

The clerical changes in Halifax during the past year have been quite phenomenal. Every curate in town has resigned during the year, viz., curates of St. Paul's, St. George's, St. Luke's and St. Mark's; and it is no less phenomenal to note that three rectors or heads of churches have also succumbed during the year,

viz., rector of St. Paul's, rector of Dartmouth, and the Rev. J. A. Townend.

ST. PAUL'S.—The *Herald* has the following report of the parish meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's, which was held last Tuesday: There were about eighty persons in attendance. Hon. A. G. Jones, on behalf of the committee, explained that a number of applications had been received for the position of rector, in response to the advertisement; and other applications were anticipated. Thereupon he moved that the election of rector be postponed until Easter Monday. This was agreed to. It may be stated here that the report that Rev. Mr. Jones had declined the rectorship was incorrect. The proposal to divide the parish was next considered. Hon. A. G. Jones and J. H. Symons moved the following resolution: That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that Trinity Church be formed into a separate parish, and that the sum of \$750 per annum for ten years be allowed to Trinity. C. C. Blackadar and Thomas Rhind moved in amendment: That in view of the election of a new rector, the question of separating Trinity be deferred for nine months. The amendment passed. Rev. Mr. Sampson, curate in charge of St. Paul's, who was in the chair, said that he thought persons at present attending Trinity Church would help to keep the church up, but it would be hardly fair to ask them to support a mission church without being able to collect pew rents or other revenues. Remarks were made by A. G. Jones, Peter Lynch, Thomas Ritchie and others.

NEWPORT.—The Bishop has given authority to Mr. W. H. Joy to act as Lay Reader in this parish. He began his duties on Sunday, 4th April. We hope that others will follow his example. In scattered Missions the laity could be of great service if they would only volunteer to work for special purposes.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Most Rev. the Metropolitan delivered an interesting lecture in the Church Hall, on "The Manuscripts of the Old and New Testaments," illustrated by diagrams. The lecture was well attended, and is one of a course being held under the auspices of the Women's Aid Association. The following lectures form the remainder of the course:—Pre-historic Man, by Professor Bailey, of the University of New Brunswick; St. Ignatius—a Chapter in Early Church History, by the Right Rev. the Bishop Coadjutor; Sidney Smith—His Life and Times, by Professor Stockley, of the University of New Brunswick. The whole course will be concluded with a musical entertainment and tableaux.

RICHMOND.—On Friday, 26th March, many of the good people of this parish assembled in the parsonage to welcome their new clergyman. The Rev. E. T. P. B. Williams, late of the parish of Canning, having accepted the charge of this parish, with the Bishop's consent, the Church people made energetic efforts to get the parsonage ready for Mr. and Mrs. Williams' arrival. This they succeeded in doing, although they had but a few days' notice of the exact time of his coming. The two churchwardens, accompanied by many friends, provided with teams for the conveyance of the furniture, &c., met their future rector at Woodstock as he alighted from the cars, and proceeded with him to the parsonage, where a substantial tea and a hearty welcome awaited him. Divine service was held at St. John's Church upon the Sunday following.

FREDERICTON.—Mr. W. B. Shaw, agent for the CHURCH GUARDIAN, is at present in Fredericton, energetically looking up subscribers. We trust he will meet with every success. The GUARDIAN should have more than double the