

vices have been held, except an increase of prayer meetings and an inquiry meeting. An union prayer-meeting is sustained by four evangelical denominations. No exciting topics are introduced, but the one great aim is, to bring sinners to the foot of the cross. Conviction of sin has usually been followed by entire renunciation of self, and immediate consecration to God. Sixty were received into the First Congregational church here on the first Sabbath in June, and many more are now under examination in the other churches.—*N. Y. Observer.*

#### SECESSION FROM THE UNITARIANS.

The Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge for sixteen years pastor of a Unitarian Church in Boston, has resigned his charge on account of a change in his religious views. In his farewell sermon he said,—“I take that charge home to myself, ‘Stand up for Jesus.’ This is what, with the blessing of God, I mean to do, let come what may of it, let what cross may be laid upon me. As a soldier of Jesus Christ I mean to stand firm for the Captain of my salvation in the post He has assigned me with a courage that shall not fail, because He will strengthen me to the end. As an ambassador of Christ, I mean to deliver His message as I receive it from Him in answer to the daily call, ‘Speak on Lord, for thy servant heareth Thee,’ without disguise as without shame, and without prevarication, as sin which never polluted my lips or stained my heart. As one who, after long and weary striving, has found peace with God through faith alone in the ‘Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,’ I mean to stand—in no name of human device, on no foundation but the Holy Bible—and plead with men ‘through the blood of the everlasting covenant,’ to be reconciled to God. May the Lord give me of His own strength and guidance still to ‘Stand up for Jesus’ to my last hour! Friends I cannot do otherwise. I should be an apostate; and this you would not have me to be.

“I must preach so long as I preach at all Christ Jesus, the only and all-sufficient Saviour of the world, ‘Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that according as it is written, He that glorieth let him glory in the Lord.’ I take my position plainly on these words, ‘God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.’ I desire no denominational name, because I seek fellowship with all of every name, ‘who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.’ To bring the souls of men into living relations with their living Lord; to win their hearts to Him who loved them, and gave Himself for them; to reveal to every burdened, suffering, weary, seeking soul the tender, compassionate sympathizing Friend, who bids all come unto Him for the rest for which they yearn—this is my supreme, paramount, my only aim and effort, beyond which I care but little. All other matters, important as they may be, are as nothing in comparison with this; for the soul that is brought to Christ must be led of Christ aright, for he is ‘the Way and the Truth and the Life.’

“Here I must take my position, and preach the reconciling Word—knowing no other than ‘Christ and Him crucified.’ I must, for so it stands written in the Holy Bible; for so it is written in my deepest consciousness; for so have I seen it welcomed as the Word of Life by many a soul that God has given me as the seals of my ministry; many who have entered into their rest, and many whose warfare is not yet accomplished. God has given me assurance over and over again, that it is the Gospel of glad tidings. I must therefore ‘Stand up for Jesus,’ if I would not be guilty before God, and in Christ’s stead plead with you to be reconciled unto God. I ask to remain at this post so long as you will. I put forth no claim: I offer no plea. Painful as it would be to break holy ties and associations, and lose the bright dream of youth and the glory of my manhood, still Christ is dearest to me, and I will bear that cross. But, brethren beloved and longed for, I beseech you that with consenting hearts, you stand fast in the Lord my dearly beloved. And may that Lord be able to say to each one of us at the great day, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.’

“Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.—Amen.”