

At that time there was no regular Presbytery in Nova Scotia; but there were several Presbyterian and Congregational ministers. A petition to these ministers to ordain Mr. Comingo was cordially entertained. On the 3rd July, 1770, four ministers assembled as a Presbytery in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax. They were Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, Lyon, Seccombe and Phelps. Much interest was exhibited by the community. Lord William Campbell, Governor of the Province, and leading citizens were present. Mr. Seccombe preached. Mr. Murdoch gave the "Reasons for the ordination of Rev. Mr. Bruin Romcas Comingo to the pastoral care of the Dutch Calvinists at Lunenburg." Mr. Comingo, in answer to the Presbytery, professed his faith in the Heidleberg confession and the Westminster Assembly catechism as "founded on and consonant to the Holy Scriptures." He also promised allegiance to King George Third in "all things civil and lawful." It was claimed, no doubt justly, that his ordination was as valid as that of the Bishop of London.

The result was of the most satisfactory character, fully vindicating the course pursued, if vindication were required. Mr. Comingo was 46 years old when he was ordained. For fifty years he ministered to the people with diligence, prudence and success, proving himself a good minister of Jesus Christ. His charge was extensive and his people were widely scattered. His services were conducted wholly in German. He continued in the active discharge of his duties till 1818; preached occasionally dur-1819, and died in January, 1820, aged 97 years. His name is still cherished with gratitude and affection.

The Year of Jubilee.

THROUGHOUT the vast empire of which we form a part, there is universal gratulation over the Jubilee of our beloved Sovereign. For fifty years, Queen Victoria has reigned over us. Her dominions have increased year by year in extent, in wealth, in commerce, in the arts of peace and in warlike prowess. No sovereign ever reigned, with more beneficent sway, over a more loyal people. It is well then that the

people should rejoice over the continuance of a reign so beneficent and so marked with the favour of Heaven.

But there is a greater SOVEREIGN than Queen Victoria, wielding a more powerful sceptre, over a wider and a more enduring empire, and in regard to whom we may proclaim, "The year of Jubilee has come." Christ is King over all blessed forever. He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

"His Kingdom hath none end at all,
It doth to ages all remain."

Queen and Kings and Emperors, however good and strong and well-beloved, will grow old and vanish. So too the sharp tooth of time will gnaw at the very foundations of their kingdoms, which, like the men composing them, grow old and weak, and pass away. But we have a Kingdom that cannot be moved, and a KING, the chiefest among ten thousand and altogether lovely. We can rejoice in Him and His reign without reserve and without fear. For no weapon formed against the Church of Christ shall prosper.

"His power increasing still shall spread,
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard His Throne above,
And peace abound below."

We are loyal to our Queen and Country. We observe the laws of the land as becomes good citizens. Much more should we prove loyal to the KING of Kings and the LORD of Lords; and much more shall we honour the law of Christ in word and in deed. With us, every year may be a year of Jubilee joy. Our Lord expects us to establish His Kingdom throughout this land, and wherever our influence may extend.

Editorial Correspondence.

THE LAKE OF GENEVA.

"Clear placid Leman! Thy contrasted lake,
With the wild world I dwell in, is a thing
Which warns me, with its stillness, to forsake
Earth's troubled waters for a purer spring."
Byron.

THIS lake is not always so "placid."
Big gales, from the mountains in the north, sometimes sweep over it with terrific force and hit Geneva right in the eye: "The Bise," as it is familiarly called, visits the city periodically and usually stays three days at a time. It is not, however, by any means an unwelcome visitor, for;