

gational church means the acceptance by all alike—ministers and deacons, as well as members—of the will of the brethren, guided by the Spirit of God." There spake, in my judgment, the true Congregationalist—the man who discards even the last shred of clericalism, and delights in being subject to the brethren, waiting and working if needs be until a sounder judgment adopts his recommendations; but waiting with all cheerfulness, and working with willing self-effacement.—*Rev. W. F. Clarkson.*

THE LATE MAYOR GOLDIE OF GUELPH.—All the members of the Congregational Union, who have grown familiar with the face of Deacon James Goldie of Guelph, will sympathize with him, as do the whole community, in the untimely death of his oldest son, Mr. Thomas Goldie, the popular Mayor of the City of Guelph. Mr. T. Goldie was forty two years of age, just beginning as it were his public life, with the promise of much distinction before him. He leaves a wife and three young children to mourn his loss. He was a respected and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral was a public one, and perhaps the most imposing that had ever taken place in Guelph. The pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Williams, and his own pastor Rev. Mr. Beattie, conducted the services; the funeral being attended by deputations from many municipalities and public boards.

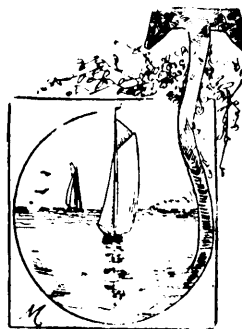
THE STRONG HELPING THE WEAK.—The scheme proposed by Dr. Leach, and adopted by the Assembly at Southport, has met with a hearty response. Twenty-two town pastors have expressed their willingness to serve country churches in this way, and several others decline simply because they had already made similar engagements for the year. Any churches desiring to secure the kind help of those who have promised certain Sundays are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Church-Aid Society, who will endeavour to arrange the interchanges to the satisfaction of all concerned. During the month of February, the Rev. H. Storer Toms, of Enfield, will preach at Billericay, and the Rev. H. Barron, of East Finchley, at Wethersfield, and their pulpits will be supplied by the Revs. A. Kluht and B. W. Saunders respectively. The Rev. J. K. Nuttall, of Liverpool, is also

giving a Sunday in North Wales this month.—*Cong. Magazine.*

GOSPEL PREACHING IN IRELAND.—I was once sitting at dinner beside a distinguished pulpit orator, and he said: "Is it really so difficult to preach the Gospel to Irish Roman Catholics?" "Well, it's pretty difficult," I replied. "Now, look here," he said, "I may tell you that I am a Home Ruler, and that I sympathize deeply with Irishmen in struggling for their just rights. Suppose that I went down to the city of Cork to-morrow, mounted a barrel, and said: 'My friends, I'm a Home Ruler, and support Mr. Gladstone in his efforts to give justice to Ireland.' Then I took out my Bible, read a text, and preached upon it. Do you think they would listen to me?" "Certainly," I said, "they would listen to you with genuine pleasure." "Well, and where then is the difficulty about preaching the Gospel to Irish Roman Catholics?" "Well," I said, "you would scarcely expect such an outpouring of the Spirit as to be able to convert your hearers by one sermon as St. Peter did. You would require to come again, and would, I presume, fix an hour and a place!" "Certainly," he replied. "Well, when you came again you would soon learn that the priests had not been idle in your absence. An organized mob would be there to receive you with tin-cans, musical instruments, and perhaps an occasional dead cat, to lend liveliness to the scene." "Oh, is that the way?" he said, and the news seemed a revelation to him.—*Rev. Thos. Connellan.*

Editorial Articles.

SPURGEON.



HE news comes flashing over the sea, "Spurgeon is dead!" We may not expect people to live forever here; still we are scarcely ever ready to part with one whom we love, or one who has blessed the world. Spurgeon was born in the East of England, in 1834. Died at Mentone, Jan. 31st, 1892. Began to