

treasurer, or other officers of the Society, or the Committee thereof, it shall be referred to two arbitrators, one to be chosen by each party to the dispute with the President as umpire.

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UNITED STATES.—The new sees of Brooklyn and Albany may now be regarded as a *certainty*, to be finally completed in 1868. The full report of the proceedings on Long Island last week, and at *Albany on the same day*, with the noble position there taken by the Bishop of the Diocese, will rejoice all hearts. The Pennsylvania Committee have also, as appears in this same issue, agreed upon the best possible line for their new See, whether present relief or further subdivision hereafter be taken into view. Such an abundance of the *best* of news, crowds out our full leading editorial on the results thus reached.—*N. Y. Church Journal*.

At the recent debate on Ritualism in the Synod of Ontario, the Hon. James Patton moved and the Rev. J. A. Murdock, seconded the following resolution :—

“That the Synod of this Diocese desires emphatically to disclaim any sympathy with the Ritualism, which is now so unhappily agitating the Church in the Mother Country.”

Upon this arose an animated and prolonged debate, clearly showing the great advantage of ventilating half-understood questions in deliberative assemblies of moderate and reasonable men. On the afternoon of the second day the following amendment passed unanimously :

“That the Synod of this Diocese desires emphatically to disclaim any sympathy with the extreme and unauthorized Ritualism, which is now so unhappily agitating the Church in the Mother Country.”

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.—Several members of the congregation of the Church of the H. Trinity, Maitland, assembled a few days before Christmas, for the purpose of decorating their church. The elegant little gothic edifice afforded them every opportunity for the display of their taste and skill. In the chancel were placed, besides such decorations as were in the nave, a star, the sacred monogram and the text, in evergreen, over the Eastern window, with a chain of wreaths, reaching from the ornaments to the Holy Table, the last of these wreaths resting on the Table itself.

FOR THE YOUNG.

BAPTISTS vs. METHODISTS.—A coloured preacher, or Baptist, is reported to have said in a sermon “My bretheren, the Methodists are just like grasshoppers; they jump into heaven and then jump out again; but the Baptists are like the coon on the tree; you shake off one leg and then another, and yet there he hangs on.”

..... A singing master while teaching his pupils, was visited by a brother of the tuneful art, The visitor observing that the chorister pitched his tune vocally, said, “Sir, do you use a pipe?” “No sir,” replied Semibreve, with admirable gravity ;—“I chew.”