

A New Bethel Church:—The *Thorold Patriot* says :—A very excellent movement has been made by Mr. Thomas Cooley, the agent for the St. Catherines Seamen's Friend Society, toward the getting up of a Seamen's Church at Lock No 18. The method adopted is rather out of the ordinary way of getting along with such matters. He calls upon the captains, mates and crews of the different vessels which are passing through the canal, who responded to the call with a generosity equal to the undertaking. No better plan could have been adopted, as the seaman will look upon it as his own Church, and will not be subject to that peculiar reluctance which seamen generally entertain in going into strange churches. Jack will find himself at home, and we have no doubt that much good will result from this righteous effort.

Dr. Tomkins in Brooklyn.—A Brooklyn letter to the *Congregationalist*, says that the evening after Mr. Hall addressed a crowded audience in Mr. Beecher's church, on European sentiments concerning America, a meeting was held at the same place under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, to hear Dr. Tomkins. "The meeting was not large. The Mayor who was to preside, was unable to be present, and none of the advertised American speakers made their appearance. Dr. Tomkins, the Englishman who presents the scheme, a minister, physician, member of the English bar, newspaper correspondent, Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society of England, &c. &c., spoke at some length, and the result of the meeting was a set of resolutions."

An Awfully Great Question.—A writer in the *Canadian Churchman* reverently discusses the question "whether a dean's hat is entitled to cords?" He quotes authorities to prove that bishops are entitled to wear on their hats four silk cords, deans two silk cords, and proctors and archdeacons two also, "*but of worsted dyed black, with rosettes.*" And he quotes an authority to prove that these badges "caused that the Church's chief officers were held in great reverence by the people." Truly, and so they might! Those cords in the hat should be fully understood. What an increased effect they must give to the Gospel! But what about the New Testament plan?—*Christian Guardian*.

Obituary.

THE HON. AND RIGHT REVEREND JOHN STRACHAN, D.D.,
LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

The death of the venerable Bishop of Toronto, which occurred on the 1st ultimo, in the ninetieth year of his age, is an event which cannot be passed by in silence in the pages of this Magazine. Yet it is difficult for those of utterly antagonistic views, on so many subjects, to do justice to such an occasion. On the one hand, the fact that an old opponent lies dead, and cannot raise his voice in self-defence, stays our sharpened pen. For the same cause, when he can harm us no more, we do not need to stand in a defensive attitude. Moreover, long before his death, he had retired from that political arena, where he once was omnipotent, and where he tried to fasten upon us "a yoke which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." And again, every added year of life, and all larger experience of men, makes us more and more guarded in dealing with any man's personality. The public side of a man is so small a part of him, and that is viewed through spectacles so strongly coloured by our own feelings, that we may often do great injustice to one of the contrary part. When men die, when their memoirs are written, when their outer and inner life on all sides becomes known, those who have said bitter things against them often find cause for shame. Ought not Christian men, desirous above all things to "speak the truth in love," to do for men still living what they will do for them when they