

with much pleasure, says the *English Churchman*, that the Rev. W. H. Barlow, B.D., Vicar of St. James Clapham, has accepted the important living of Islington, which, as we stated in our issue of the 16th instant, had been offered to him by the trustees. An Exchange then gives three columns of biography of the new Vicar, concluding thus: Mr. Barlow signed the Memorial against the Toleration of Extreme Ritual. He wears the black gown in the pulpit (11)

A VAIN ATTEMPT.—An attempt is being made to improve the Apostles' Creed! Some would-be wise men of the Congregational Body (Boston) are dissatisfied with the grand old formula which has stood the test of ages and been admired by friends and foes. A specimen of the new version, it is said, is being sent out in the official envelopes of the American Board of Foreign Missions. Here is one clause in illustration of the change: "I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Church Universal, the Communion of Saints, the New Spiritual Birth, the Forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Dead, the Final Separation of the Righteous and the Wicked, and the Life and Death Everlasting." This is enough. We do not wonder that Dr. Newman Smyth should speak of it as a "parody on an ancient creed," and with our contemporary, the *Christian Union*, we say: "As a matter both of theology and taste we prefer the old Apostles' Creed."

AN ILLUSTRATION.—The axiom that "a Dissenter can be made in a minute, but it takes years to make a Churchman," receives an illustration from the published boast of Mr. Booth, that during the twenty-nine days of his stay in America he has saved 2,500 souls.

Can it be that modern Dissenters are as easily pleased as they are made? In an exhaustive notice of the late Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, an original and eminent Baptist Minister, the writer alludes, with evident pride, to an address given by him to a body of students, in which he remarked, "Take care that in putting off the old man, you do not put on the old woman."

A GIFT.—Bishop Gallaher, of Louisiana, U.S., has just been presented with a very handsome Bishop's cope, a gift from many in the diocese. It is said that a pastoral staff and mitre are soon to follow. The cope is beautiful, lined with white silk, with lace orphreys.

THE VOICE OF GOD ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ORGANIC UNITY OF CHRISTIANS.—1. *Jesus founded only One Church, not many denominations.*—Upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—Our Lord to St. Peter, in St. Matthew xvi, 18.

2. *Our Lord prays for the perfect Oneness of all Believers.*—Neither pray I for these alone, but for them who shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be One; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me, and the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be One, even as we are One; I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me.—Our Lord, in St. John xvii, 20-23.

3. *Jesus wishes all His people to be in One flock, not many, as He is the One Shepherd.*—And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be One fold (Greek, flock) and One Shepherd.—Our Lord in St. John x, 16.

4. *The Unity of the Church of Christ is always recognised and enjoined in the Holy Scriptures.*—There is One Body, and One Spirit, even as ye are called in One Hope of your calling; One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of all.—St. Paul in Ephesians iv, 4-6,

For as the Body is One, and hath many members, and all the members of that One Body, being many, are One Body; so also is Christ. For by One Spirit are we all baptised into One Body, whether we are bond or free; and have been all made to drink into One Spirit.—1 Cor. xii, 12, 13.

5. *Divisions of Christian sects and parties are strongly reprobated.*—Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them who are of the House of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptised in the name of Paul?—St. Paul in 1 Cor. i, 10-13.

6. *Party names are sinful.*—And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. . . . For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?—1 Cor. iii, 1-4.

7. *We should faithfully obey all God's commandments.*—Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.—Our Lord in St. Matthew v, 19.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates in the city.—Our Lord in Revelation xxii, 14.—*Cincinnati Branch.*

O, come to me, dear Lord, to-day
And let Thy Spirit with me stay;
Behold, it urgeth me to Thee,
I would I might more worthy be;

To forest stream the heart doth fly,
When he, from thirst, is like to die,
And so my soul doth thirst for Thee,
O Jesu, Jesu, come to me.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the General Committee of the Association preliminary to the Annual meeting on the same evening was held in St. George's School-room on Monday evening the 17th inst., the Lay Vice-President, Dr. Davidson, in the chair. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year, and the appointments were confirmed at the annual meeting. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese (President *ex officio*); the Dean of Montreal, Clerical; and R. H. Buchanan, Esq., Lay Vice-President; Alex. Robertson, Esq., Secretary, and N. Mudge, Esq., Treasurer. The retiring Secretary read the returns from the various Church of England Sunday-schools, which showed, in the city proper, a total of 2977 scholars, and 251 teachers.

The annual public meeting was held in the same place, beginning at 8 p.m. The Lord Bishop presided, and on the platform were seated His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Revs. Canon Belcher, and G. Osborne Troop, Messrs. N. B. Mudge, Reginald Buchanan. After the opening exercises the Secretary read the Report of the past year's work, the adoption of which was moved by Dr. Davidson and seconded by Canon Belcher. Addresses were also delivered by Mr. G. E. Putnam, the Rev. Mr. Troop, and the Bishop of Huron. There was a large attendance of

teachers and others interested in Sunday-school work. During the evening several hymns were sung, led by the boys of St. George's choir, under direction of Mr. Fairclough. It is to be hoped that the spirit of party, so lamentably prevalent in other diocesan matters, may not extend into this Association, and that the absence from the list of officers of any but one school of thought has been accidental.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—The Committee of the Church of England appointed in regard to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee reported, making the following recommendations:—

That we consider it most fitting and proper, that in common with our fellow-subjects at home and abroad, throughout the Empire, this auspicious jubilee year should be celebrated in Montreal in some marked and emphatic manner.

That the twentieth day of June next, the date of Her Majesty's accession, or the Sunday nearest to it, should be observed in all our churches as a day of religious commemoration, with special reference in prayers and sermons to the joyous jubilee event of the year.

That our brethren of other Protestant churches in the city be invited to an early and friendly conference, with a view of ascertaining whether we could not unite in one practical and definite purpose of benevolent character, such as the establishment of a ward in an hospital, convalescent home, an enlarged house of refuge, or an asylum, to be called by Her Majesty's name, and as expression of our united gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which He has granted to us through Her Majesty's reign.

That the co-operation of the ladies throughout the community should be specially and earnestly solicited.

That the Bishop be requested, if these recommendations meet with his approbation, to carry them out as to him seems most advisable.

This would seem to be fairly well, but why not call the country Clergy or the special Council of the Dean and Canons into conference too? Why not have a *Diocesan Church* celebration.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Church of England Institute.*—On Monday, January 31st, the Rural Dean Moore will lecture on a "Trip to Italy," the well known descriptive powers of the gentleman will ensure for the listeners an interesting personal reminiscence. On Monday, February 28th, Prof. W. J. Alexander, of Dalhousie University, will lecture on "Robert Browning."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND S. S. ASSOCIATION.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday-school last week the President, Rev. Dr. Partridge, announced that the secretary, Mr. Sumichrast, had sent in his resignation, notice of which had been sent to all Sunday-schools in order that a vote might be taken on the subject at this meeting. On motion it was resolved that Mr. Sumichrast's resignation be not entertained, and that he be requested to continue to act, *which was passed without a dissentient voice.* The next meeting will be in Argyle hall on Monday evening, February 8.

ALBION MINES.—Rev. D. C. Moore put off reading the Appeal for Foreign Missions to Sunday, 9th, on account of the small congregations both here and at New Glasgow caused by the most inclement weather. Mr. Selwyn Shreve said Evening Prayer here on Friday, the 7th inst. He is always willing and ever welcome as a licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese.

NEW DUBLIN.—This parish was for eighteen years the sphere of labors of the Rev. A.