

one uniform type, but uniting what is diverse, and binding together the unlike, and so ever presenting to men and angels a moral image of the great fundametal verity of *Three in One*: that *not identity but brotherly love* was to be the law of His kingdom,—this is the truth shadowed out in that act of our Divine Lord recorded in the text. He “sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself would come.”—*Sermon by the Rev. J. R. Woodford.*

ITALY.

The Secretaries reported that, in compliance with the instructions of the Standing Committee announced to the Board at the last meeting, letters had been written by the S. P. C. K. to the British Consular Chaplains in Italy, inquiring as to the demand for Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and other religious books and tracts in the Italian language, and the facilities afforded for their sale and distribution in Italy; asking for their advice and suggestions with regard to the best mode of circulating the Society's publications in that country; and requesting their co-operation, and the benefit of their supervision, in carrying out such well-considered plans as might be adopted for that purpose.

The substance of the several replies to these inquiries and requests, which had been received, and which were all satisfactory and encouraging, were laid before the Board. Some of the letters also gave a good account of the sale and distribution of supplies of books which had already, within the last six months, been forwarded to the writers; and it was accordingly agreed, on the recommendatton of the Standing Committee, to place, for the present, at the discretion of the Secretaries, Bibles, Prayer Books, and other books and tracts to the value of 200*l.* in order to meet, as they occur, applications for supplies of such publications for sale and distribution in Italy.—*Monthly Report of S. P. C. K.*

FOR THE YOUNG.

CHRISTMAS IN NEW ZEALAND.

The following letter has been received from a lady who lives near Auckland, in New Zealand. Our great Christian festival, on December 25th, falls in the middle of the New Zealand summer.

“MY DEAR ———, Our young friends at home, who have just had their Christmas school feasts, may like to hear of ours at the Antipodes. They have been as heartily enjoyed under a hot summer's sun, as amid the snow and frost of Old England.

On Holy Innocents' day, Archdeacon Kissling and Mrs. Kissling gave their yearly feast to the Sunday and day school children, in their (St. Barnabas) parish. It was held in the grounds of the Native Teachers Institution, of which the Archdeacon is Principal. I rode up about four