

a question from a member, "Do you consider this a fair representation of the congregation, sir?" the clergyman replied that whether it were so or not was not of the slightest importance. He had sufficient officebearers with him to form a quorum, and he did not care a straw whether they had the sympathy of the congregation in the contemplated project or not. To this broadly extending carelessness regarding the opinions or interests of the members much of the falling off in the matter of Church attendance may be attributed. Ten years were spent in attempts to promote a union between the various Churches for purely professional purposes. Ten hours have not been given to the consideration of how to promote social intercourse in congregations, a far more important subject.

GAIRLOCH.

We learn from a note sent by Rev. D. McKay to the *Standard*, that we have fallen into the same mistake with reference to the Saltspings purse presented to him, as we previously made with reference to the Gairloch cheese. Mr. McKay states that "instead of the amount being somewhat over Fifty Dollars, it was exactly over Sixty Dollars." Just so, our informant was not so very far astray after all. Unless the rules of arithmetic have changed considerably since our school days, sixty is somewhat over fifty, therefore the statement was not erroneous. As Mr. McKay has not been long in the country, it may be necessary to explain to him that, instead of allowing us to underestimate the number of pounds in the cheese, the number of dollars in the purse, and the number of kind hearts in the congregation, he should keep us well posted as to his presents, and we trust to have further and frequent opportunities of making such *trifling* errors as those which the worthy minister of Gairloch so much deplores.

SALTSPRINGS.—We see by an advertisement in the *Standard*, that Saltspings congregation intends to have a tea meeting on the 12th July. We wish them great success, but would prefer, if they had made choice of another day, and re-

solved to go in crowds on that day, to help St. Paul's congregation, East River, who some weeks ago advertised a tea meeting for the 12th July.

In the review of Mr. Moody's work in Hartford, all classes bear testimony to its excellent fruits. The Rev. Dr. E. P. Parker, of the South Congregational Church of that city, delivered a sermon, March 24, in which he said of the evangelist: "He proclaimed the breadth and depth and tenderness of Divine love more earnestly than any man I now remember. He came among us in the beauty of a genuine enthusiasm for men. Power was with him. Many who were limping along with lame feet found strength by him to run and leap and praise God. There are more happy hearts and households in Hartford to-day than ever before. The real joy is vastly greater here than on many occasions when the city has fluttered with banners, echoed with music, and trembled at the thunder of cannon." This estimate is not more appreciative than of the secular press of Hartford.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—According to the recently published statistics of Victoria there is in that colony a population of 830,679. Of this number the Church of England is credited with 299,091 adherents; the Roman Catholics 198,067; the Presbyterians 131,098; and the Wesleyans 109,370. But these statistics do not represent the actual denominational preferences of the people, for it appears that the census enumerators are in the habit of classing those who do not claim connection with any other sect with the Church of England. When the number of persons "usually attending" a place of worship is taken, the Wesleyan Church has the lead with 94,286; the Roman Catholic follows with 68,386; the Presbyterians with 63,220; while the Church of England has only 48,496 regular worshippers. In number of registered ministers of religion, the Presbyterians take the lead with 157; the Wesleyans have 138; the Church of England 135. But the Wesleyans own 847 places of worship, the Presbyterians 602, the Church of England 424. In the sitting accommodation of churches the Wesleyans are far ahead of other denominations.